



FLOODED CENTRE IN 3-MONTH CLOSURE

BY MEGAN ARCHER

A COMMUNITY centre that had just undergone a shiny new refurbishment has been forced to close for nearly three months after extensive flooding damage.

Great Wyrley Community Centre will be shut for eight to 10 weeks to undergo major work to make it safe.

The parish council confirmed that an insurance assessor had visited the centre this week, but had deemed it too dangerous for people to use.

Councillor Helen Snape, chairman of the parish council, said the damage was far worse than anyone first thought after the storms at the end of last month.

She said: "We knew it was bad as the day after it happened we were in there removing carpet. We couldn't get an assessor in until a few days later to look.

"It's a nightmare. We've been refurbishing the centre over the last 12 months and some of the flooring had only gone down a few weeks before.

Started

"We had a sprung dancefloor too in the main hall, it's the only one in the area. We'd just had it refurbished and polished up," Councillor Snape added. "We think we even might have to replace the doors too."

Councillor Snape said that work to repair the hall started immediately, in a bid to get it back open as soon as possible.

The community centre hosts weight loss meetings, dance groups, art classes, blood donation sessions and much more, all of which will have to find a new home until August at the earliest.

"We are fully booked every week, so our groups are having to find other places. We had our last parish council meeting at the table tennis club," Councillor Snape said.

"It's just environmentally unsafe. It's difficult to say when we might open again as it depends on how it dries out."

Locals were quick to react to the news, with Joy Cornock writing on Facebook: "Such a shame after it's only recently been done out so beautifully."

Brenda Jenkins said: "I am sorry it will take so long to repair the centre.

"If anyone in the village can help our art class to find temporary building to continue our classes I would be most grateful."

COSFORD AIR SHOW SOARS TO A DAZZLING SUCCESS



The brilliant Red Arrows team hurtles into action, emitting plumes of colour during a typically daredevil display at the Cosford Air Show

THE Battle of Britain Memorial flight headlined the RAF Cosford Air Show on Sunday, with 60,000 spectators enjoying the huge event.

The Cosford showpiece has grown and grown since it was formed in 1978, and organisers have said this year's event was an overwhelming success and bigger than it has ever been.

Squadron leader and media officer for RAF Cosford, Chris Wilson, said: "This is an air-

field that is usually quiet and empty, and then all of a sudden you have all these people and aircraft in one place.

"To have all that on an airfield in a little part of Shropshire is quite amazing.

"And to have a show that has been such an outstanding success in the same year as the RAF celebrates its 100th birthday makes things extra special.

"There are aircraft here that have flown all the way from New Zealand, that is how

popular the show continues to be. It has been extra special too with the 80th anniversary of RAF Cosford, to make it a double celebration.

"A lot of hard work has gone into it, and it is rewarding to see how much people do enjoy themselves."

However, the show's biggest-ever attendance was hit by major tailbacks on the M54, problems on the trains and a crash on the A41 that led to huge delays.

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RETAIL

Poundworld latest high street victim

POUNDWORLD has fallen into administration putting shops and jobs at risk in the latest blow to the high street.

Among those under threat are the budget chain's Queens Retail Park branch in Stafford and one at Victoria Shopping Park in Hednesford. Attempts to save the company failed after last-ditch sales talks broke down, meaning 5,100 jobs across the country now hang in the balance.

It comes as House of Fraser revealed last week it is preparing to close many of its stores, including Wolverhampton's Beatties store and Rackhams in Birmingham.

CHALLENGE

Weather smiles on Ironman crowds

SPECTATORS turned out in their hundreds when Staffordshire's fourth Ironman competition was held on Sunday.

The day started off at Chasewater, where competitors plunged into the water at 7am. From there, they took in a bike ride across Staffordshire in pretty much perfect weather conditions, before finishing a half-marathon among the crowds in a sunny and packed Stafford town centre.

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EXTENSION

Greggs and Subway to open new outlets

GREGGS and Subway are to open branches in an extension to the Boscomoor Shopping Centre in Penkridge.

Building work has begun at the retail parade, owned and managed by commercial property and investment company LCP, to create an additional two retail units. The stores will open in September.

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Heroes tell of pride over royal awards



Michael Burke

EXTRAORDINARY people across Staffordshire and the Black Country were honoured and celebrated in this year's Queen's Birthday Honours list.

Michael Burke, a 46-year-old caseworker at Staffordshire County Council, has been awarded a BEM for services to children and young people with special needs and disabilities.

Mr Burke, who lives in Stafford and works with children who have autism, said: "I'm surprised and delighted by the news."

"I work with some of the most interesting children, some who have gone

through a battle to get additional support, and it's great if you feel you can make a difference."

Chief executive of Staffordshire Women's Aid, **Dickie James**, received an MBE for her work helping victims of domestic violence, and **Anne Cheriman**, governor's secretary at HM Prison Stafford, has been given a BEM for services to charity and the community in Stafford.

Margaret Hassall, a trustee of the Colwich and Little Haywood village hall, has also been awarded a BEM for services to the community in Stafford.

Two local officers of West Midlands Police were also honoured for the Queen's Birthday. Pc **Hubert 'Hughie' Treasure**, from Dudley, has been awarded an MBE for his work with young people, while special chief officer **Michael Rogers** from Wolverhampton received the same award due to his 'remarkable' contribution to the volunteer police force, the West Midlands Police Special Constabulary (WMPSC).

Pc Treasure has been a young persons officer in Sandwell for four years and has made a real difference to the lives of troubled young people.

Make the M6 Toll free, says haulage firm boss

PLANS to direct motorists to the M6 Toll during busy periods have been criticised by a West Midlands business owner.

Speaking at the launch of Midlands Connect's motorway hub report, haulage firm owner Julian Pottinger said 'most people will sit in congestion rather than pay a fiver to use the toll road'.

Earlier, Midlands Connect had unveiled its 20-year plan to help ease congestion on West Midlands roads, with greater use of the M6 Toll one of its key recommendations. It would mean better signage to direct people to the toll road at peak times.

Mr Pottinger said that while he understood the thinking behind the strategy, he believed far more people would use the road if it was made free to the public.

"I am very much against the toll road," he said. "I think it's underused massively and the best way to solve that is to make it free for cars."

Pay

"That might seem like a bit of a retro strategy, but it goes against our constitution to pay £1,200 a year in road tax, only to have to pay extra to go on the toll road on a daily basis."

"It goes against everything they're trying to do, too, because most people will sit in congestion rather than pay a fiver to use the toll road."

"I'm not saying it's right or wrong but I can understand it. We pay our road tax, where's it used? We've got a road there that's barely used."

Mr Pottinger was speaking from his haulage yard in Oldbury, in the Black Country, which hosted the launch of the Midlands Connect motorway hub report. It made 10 main recommendations for where improvements could be made on the West Midlands road network.

Better signage to help direct people to the M6 Toll during peak times was one of its most immediate pledges. With the money already in place, the scheme could be completed as soon as 2020.

Have a darn good time at sew festival



Organiser Carol Moorcroft gets ready for the Sew Crafty Festival at the Museum Of Cannock Chase

THE third Sew Crafty Festival is set to take place at the Museum of Cannock Chase this weekend.

The event will offer visitors the chance to pick up a variety of textiles and fabrics, as well as listen to a textile talk and view a number of exhibitions.

Event organiser Carol Moorcroft

said: "This is the third event of its kind that we have held. There will be lots of products on offer including textiles, dressmaking fabrics, cross-stitch kits and yarns."

"We also have a number of drop-in workshops during the event, as well as exhibitions from Wombourne Quilters, Heritage

Crafts and Clare Wassermann who has a variety of mixed media paintings and quilts."

The Sew Crafty Festival will run at the Museum of Cannock Chase, in Valley Road, on Saturday between 11am and 4.30pm.

Admission to the event costs £3, and the talks will cost £2.

Drivers fly off handle over delays at air show

MOTORISTS and rail passengers were hot under the collar as huge queues built up before the RAF Cosford Air Show.

Delays were reported on the M54 and A41 as 60,000 people headed to the annual event in the baking sun on Sunday. Highways England advised motorists to leave plenty of extra time to travel but people took to social media to complain about queues of more than two hours - with many missing the show's displays.

There were also issues leaving the event due to a serious crash on the A41, which happened at 4.50pm. Two people were reportedly injured.

Traffic had already started to build early in the day, with RAF Cosford tweeting at 9.20am: "We are aware of the delays on the roads, our traffic management teams are working hard to reduce them." A 11.20am they added: "The traffic is moving and we are getting people in as quickly as possible."

Forty minutes later they said the queues were 30 minutes away from being parked up. But their claims were disputed by many.

RAF Cosford Squadron Leader Chris Wilson said: "Some people ignored the road signs and they were following their sat navs taking them the wrong way."

Those travelling to the show by rail also faced misery, with fewer carriages, cancelled trains and overcrowding.

Housing group in pledge over abuse

ONE of the region's largest housing providers has signed up to a national campaign to help tackle domestic abuse.

Longhurst Group, which manages more than 1,200 properties in Walsall and more than 1,500 properties across Birmingham, as well as properties in Cannock Chase and into Shropshire, has pledged its support to the Make a Stand campaign.

The initiative centres around a pledge which has been developed by the Chartered Institute of Housing in partnership with Women's Aid and the Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance.

It consists of four commitments which housing organisations can make to support people who live and work in housing who are experiencing domestic abuse.

Bridge is attacked

POLICE have increased their patrols after a 200-year-old bridge was vandalised in Rugeley. Four pillars were kicked off the sandstone structure in Hagley Drive, Rugeley. It is understood to have happened between 4pm and 7pm last Wednesday.

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Library has to relaunch search for managers

THE search is under way for a community group to take on the day-to-day management of a library.

An agreement was in place for a group to manage Cheslyn Hay library on behalf of Staffordshire County Council. But the group has withdrawn its offer because of the delay in organising a long-term lease in a building which is shared with Cheslyn Hay Parish Council.

Councillor Gill Heath, the county council's cabinet member for communities, said: "It is disappointing."

"The contract had been awarded for Cheslyn Hay, but unfortunately there have been delays connected to the transfer and the bidder is no longer able to proceed."

"We currently have 22 libraries which are community managed, or in the process of becoming so, and we believe this model is successful."

The library's opening hours will change to 10 hours per week from August 1 while a new partner is sought.

If no organisation comes forward by April 2019, the council may consider closing the facility.

Under community management agreements, groups take on the management and day-to-day running of the building, while the council remains responsible for agreed utility bills and maintenance costs. Email connectedlibraries@staffordshire.gov.uk

Hospital to have more operations

HEALTH bosses have said they want County Hospital in Stafford to take on as many operations from Stoke as possible as part of major plans to make it viable going forward.

Plans are being drawn up to improve utilisation of the site.

Chiefs have said that County Hospital cannot continue to operate in its current form, with a major-shake up planned over the next five years.

Top bosses at the University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust have agreed to move forward with plans to transfer 'as much surgical activity as possible' from the Royal Stoke Hospital to Stafford.

Members of the Trust Executive Committee met to discuss the plans at the end of May, a report revealed.

Summer Serenade

A SUMMER Serenade with Cannock Chase Music Centre Wind Band, St Luke's School Choir and Stafford Grammar School Chamber Choir will be held at St Stephen's Church, Cannock, on Friday, June 22, at 7pm.

Chiefs point the finger at government



Matthew Ellis - 'impact'

REAL-TIME cuts to budgets have resulted in the West Midlands and Staffordshire police forces reducing officer numbers, say the respective commissioners.

West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner David Jamieson says its budget has shrunk by more than £145 million since 2010.

And last year, Staffordshire Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis said the force's day-to-day spending power had decreased around £30m in real terms.

This year, West Midlands Police's budget went up from £519m to £522m, while Staffordshire's rose from £179m to £183m.

Inflation is currently 2.5 per cent. Mr Jamieson said: "Since 2010, West Midlands Police has been cut by more than £145 million by the Government, a far higher proportion than leafy low-crime areas like Surrey. This has caused the force to lose over 2,000 officers, 1,000 staff and around half of our PCSOs. That is despite West Midlands Police being rated by the independent inspectorate as one of the most efficient forces in the country."

Staffordshire PCC Mr Ellis said there would be 60 extra police officers joining the force over the next 20 months, plus 144 police officers moving into neighbourhood

teams. He said: "Extra policing on our streets will have some impact in deterring crime, although it's worth remembering the last time violent crime was a significant issue more than a decade ago, police officer numbers were at an all-time high."

"Making sure young people have a good start in life with all public services playing their part in dealing with modern societal ills can also make a huge contribution to a safer society. Between 2010 and 2013, under the old Staffordshire Police Authority, officer numbers here fell by 336. I cannot comment whether savings back then could have been achieved in other ways."

Police: Thin blue line now gets even thinner

POLICE officer numbers in the West Midlands and Staffordshire have plummeted by more than 2,500 in a decade, figures show.

Staffordshire Police has seen a 26 per cent drop in officer numbers over the past seven years, more than any other force in England and Wales. It leaves the county with 142 officers per 100,000 population. Only Wiltshire Police has fewer.

West Midlands Police has lost 24 per cent in officer numbers over the period from 2010 to September last year – and has 228 officers per 100,000 population.

This dramatic drop is the fourth biggest of any force across England and Wales. It comes at a time of rising levels of crime in both force areas – rising in the West Midlands by 14 per cent last year and in Staffordshire by 11 per cent.

West Midlands Police Crime Commissioner David Jamieson said the cuts 'have clearly had an impact on the preventative abilities of the force'. The number of officers in the force fell from 8,626 in 2010 to 6,535 last September.

Effective

A spokesman for the force said it was moving through a 'significant programme of change and modernisation'.

He said: "[The programme] is examining all functions across the organisation, looking at how we operate, whether there are ways to be more effective and more efficient."

Staffordshire has seen the biggest drop proportionally in officer numbers since 2010 compared with any other force in England and Wales – falling from 2,161 to 1,595 last September. The force is undergoing a change to its police model, reassigning many officers to serve in neighbourhood policing.

Chief Constable Gareth Morgan accepted fewer officers could be one of a 'number of reasons' for the rise in crime. He added: "However, it is too simplistic to draw a straight correlation between crime increasing and having less officers, as this doesn't take into account the changing complexity and shape of crime that is now being reported to us to investigate."



Alex Lewis, from Cannock, as the Joker and Abby Simmill, from Telford, as Harley Quinn at Chase Leisure Centre in Cannock

Stars in town for Heroes and Foes

STARS of hit comedy show Red Dwarf and a host of familiar faces from television descended on Cannock for a mini comic con.

Cannock's Chase Leisure Centre hosted the first Heroes and Foes event.

Among the stars was Chris Barrie, known for appearing as Arnold Rimmer in all 12 series of sci-fi sitcom Red Dwarf. Cult figure of the series Hattie Hayridge, who plays the role of the female version of Holly, was also there on Saturday.

The likes of Star Wars' Paul Warren, Primeval's Andrew-Lee Potts and Raven's James Mackenzie turned out as well.

Chris Barrie, who has been working on the latest season of Red Dwarf, said: "Whenever I travel on the M6 Toll I always pass the sign for Cannock and wonder what it's like, I must try it and get there at some point, and here is the day. I've met people of all ages."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Top talent shines at E&S awards

A CHESLYN HAY company was among the winners at the Express & Star's Business of the Year Awards.

Water safety specialists H2O Hygiene, which was started in April 2017 in Cheslyn Hay, was named young business of the year.

It impressed the judges with the progress it had made in such a short space of time.

Pallet-Track won the business of the year award. Founded in 2002, the Ettingshall-based firm has recently recorded its 21 millionth pallet milestone. More than 400 guests attended the ceremony at Wolverhampton Racecourse on Thursday.

Garden fundraiser for disease testing

A FUNDRAISING event for research into treatment of Parkinson's disease is being held in Hednesford this weekend.

It will take place in the garden of Mrs Helen Stocks at 86B Heath Street on Sunday.

There will be a raffle, bric-a-brac sale, tea and coffee, cakes and some plants for sale.

It is hoped that it will run from 1pm until about 5pm.

Anyone requiring further information can contact Les Taylor by calling 01543 468698.

Police in warning over bicycle thefts

A WARNING has been issued after an increase in bicycle thefts in Lichfield.

Staffordshire Police have reported a rise in the number of incidents in recent weeks.

Officers are now urging riders to keep bikes securely locked when left unattended.

Rhys Rockley, senior office assistant, said: "With the nice weather, there will be more and more people out and about on their cycles."

"Thieves are aware of this, and bikes are a common means of transport in the summer."

Tesco says thank you for charity donations

EMPLOYEES at Tesco in Rugeley have thanked customers for showing their generous support after donating money to a staff charity challenge.

Colleagues took on the 1 Million Step Challenge, on an exercise stepper machine, in aid of Diabetes UK between June 1 and 3.

The challenge was completed in store, with colleagues taking turns to step their way to a total of one million. Overall, the event raised £787.

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COUNTY NEWS

Comic Rob takes charity ball helm

BUSINESSES are being urged to snap up tickets for a gala ball in Birmingham raising money for the NSPCC.

Comedian Rob Deering has been revealed as the host of this year's NSPCC Laughter Ball, which takes place on November 2 at the ICC.

Rob, whose tours and appearances on TV and radio have won him a dedicated following, will compete the event. Last year's ball raised £57,000 for the charity.

Single tickets or tables of 10 are available for the ball, which starts at 6.30pm. Call 0121 227 7578 or midlandsappeals@nspcc.org.uk.

University climbs up league table

A NUMBER of courses at Birmingham City University have improved their ranking in a league table.

Several courses have risen up the University's annual university league tables.

The university's acting course, housed in the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, is now ranked as the UK's third best course after moving up from fourth in last year's table. Elsewhere, nursing and midwifery climbed to 18th place nationally, almost halving its previous position of 30 in the table, while the education course now sits in 17th position and is the highest ranked of any West Midlands institution.

Date for hearing on ex-Villa player

A PRE-INQUEST hearing into the death of former Aston Villa footballer Dalian Atkinson will take place in October. It was due to be held last week but will now take place on October 3 at Shirehall in Shrewsbury.

Mr Atkinson died after being shot with a Taser outside his father's house in Trench on August 15, 2016.

The striker was best known for his solo goal against Wimbledon in 1992, which won Match of the Day's Goal of the Season award.

Orchestra set to play the classics

PEOPLE are being invited to attend an evening of classical music. Halesowen Orchestra are performing a host of classical pieces at Cornbow Hall on July 7 from 7.30pm until 9.30pm to entertain lovers of the genre.

Tickets cost £10 per person and can be purchased on the door, or to secure seats in advance and guarantee a seat, by calling 01210 550956.

Stars and fans in bar's World Cup party

A CANNOCK bar is getting ready to kick off its World Cup celebrations.

Staff at Bar Sport and the above Premier Suite, at High Green, will be turning the venue into a carnival of football fun.

Former Wolves players Steve Kindon and Steve Daley will be joined by Don Goodman at England's opening group game against Tunisia on Monday, June 18, with a 7pm kick-off.

However, people who attend need to arrive for 4pm.

Tickets which include a three-course meal start from £27.95.

The second match is on Sunday, June 24 and Wolves legend Steve Bull is joining Steve Kindon and Steve Daley. That event has a 10am start.

Then on June 28, England are playing Belgium with a 4pm start and 7pm kick-off. Former Wolves star

John Richards will be joining Steve Kindon and Steve Daley.

Tickets for all three games start from £27.95 and include a three-course meal.

Scott Murray, owner of Bar Sport and the Premier Suite, said: "All the staff are really looking forward to the World Cup."

"The atmosphere at Bar Sport and the Premier Suite is going to be ab-

solutely fantastic. All three of our rooms will be rammed full of fans and we have some great guests attending the group games.

"If England progress, then we will have more stars coming to give their expert opinion at the games. We won't just be celebrating England games though. We will be showcasing all of the World Cup games throughout the tournament."

Longer winter leaves 10,000 holes in roads

By Richard Guttridge

A LONG winter has left road maintenance teams with 10,000 potholes to tackle in Staffordshire.

An extra month of wintry conditions means there are 20 per cent more potholes on Staffordshire's roads compared with last year, county councillors have been told.

But county council leader Philip Atkins vowed the authority will get on top of the problem after an extra £5 million was invested.

He said: "It's very easy to forget we have had 30 more days of weather that makes potholes and 30 days less to repair them. I was troubled through the beginning of April seeing roads deteriorating ever more. We have put extra money in this year and extra money last year to get on top of it, on top of the £50 million we put in over the previous two terms, because the roads were that bad nine years ago."

Problem

"We should be getting on top of this at a rate of 400 to 500 a week to get rid of the backlog. We have got the kit, we have just got to work it harder."

Fellow county councillors highlighted problem areas in their wards during the annual meeting.

Opposition leader Councillor Susan Woodward said: "There are some very bad potholes in North Street in Boney Hay that have been reported."

"I know it's been a difficult winter and I know the back story to all this, but these are urgent repairs and classified as urgent repairs, yet the delays in getting them done, and the dangers to motorists and cyclists, are huge."

Councillor Helen Fisher, highways and transport cabinet member, said: "I'm more than happy to look at individual issues, my phone is always on, I'm more than happy to come out and see what's going on."

Horrors show to grow into a great success



Seasons Theatre Company are to perform at the Prince of Wales Theatre in Cannock later this month

FINAL rehearsals are under way for the cast of the Little Shop of Horrors – a blood-thirsty tale of a murderous man-eating plant.

Seasons Theatre Company are to perform the popular show at the Prince of Wales Theatre in Cannock.

The amateur dramatics group, for people aged 18 and over, is a fully inclusive group with some members who have learning disabilities, autism and Aspergers.

They rehearse every Wednesday evening at St Barnabas Church Hall in Cannock and usually have two main performances each year, one being a gala show and the other being the main show. Productions in the last two

years have included Me And My Girl, Blood Brothers, Les Miserables and We Will Rock You. Little Shop of Horrors will be at the Church Street theatre.

County Councillor Phil Hewitt recently went along to watch Seasons' rehearsals. He and fellow Hednesford County Councillor Bryan Jones donated £1,000 of their community grant to the group.

Councillor Hewitt said "They are a fantastic group." Show times are Friday, June 29 at 7.30pm and Saturday, June 30 at 2pm and 7.30pm. Tickets are £10 available from the ticket secretary on 07510 830549. or the Prince of Wales ticket office.

Big 7Tea to celebrate the NHS's milestone

TOGETHER We're Better, the partnership transforming health and social care in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent, is inviting local people to help shape the NHS for the next 70 years.

The NHS is celebrating its 70th anniversary on July 5 and the partnership is encouraging residents to hold a tea party and share their experiences of the health service.

Simon Whitehouse, Together We're Better director, said: "The 70th birthday of the NHS will kick off the next phase of engagement for Together We're Better, as we seek ideas from local people across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent who have used local health services before."

"We welcome any ideas for improvement, and these tea parties are a great way to get together and discuss how we can make local health and care services fit for the next 70 years."

Nationally, the NHS has created packs for tea parties such as these, which will collectively be called the NHS Big 7Tea. Registration can be completed at www.nhsbig7tea.co.uk

The hashtag #StaffsTeaParty can be included when posting best ideas for the future of the NHS, as well as any photographs of events.

Together We're Better is the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP).

Anyone wishing to throw a party, or is planning to celebrate in another way, can contact Together We're Better via togetherwerebetter@staffordshire.gov.uk or call Alannah Copeland, communications and engagement officer, on 07970 631322.

Hospital to recruit nurses at open day

A HOSPITAL trust is to hold an open day for registered and student nurses as part of a recruitment drive.

The Royal Wolverhampton Trust, which runs New Cross and Cannock Chase Hospitals, is currently recruiting for neonatal and children's services. Interviews will be held on the day and conditional job offers made to those who impress.

There are posts available on neonatal, children's outpatients, health visiting and transitional care.

Potential new team members will have a chance to view key units.

The open day is on A22, children's outpatients, at New Cross Hospital between 10.30am and 4pm on June 23. Email rwh-tr.NurseRecruitmentBureau@nhs.net or call 01902 695445 for more information.

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Shows will be tribute to popular entertainer

FRIENDS and family of a Hednesford entertainer are looking forward to two shows this weekend marking the first anniversary of his death.

Allan Bishop, who was 67 when he died, was a talented comedian and musician, enjoying 50 years in the entertainment business.

He was on keyboards and vocals in a number of bands, including Hobson's Choice and his own Dr Hook tribute band. He was also on the bill with stars such as Chuck Berry and the Searchers, and performed as part of a comedy duo, The Whole Caboodle.

He was a popular figure walking around Chasewater every day with his dog Charlie, to whom he was devoted.

One of his many friends, Kevin Wilcox, said: "Allan is greatly missed by all of us, as he always had a smile for everyone and took the time to chat to them. We decided to erect a memorial bench in his honour, and it sits proudly on the south shore with a great view across Chasewater."

Tomorrow (Friday) local vocalist Dave Golding is performing at Burntwood Rugby Club. Tickets are £5 or pay on the door.

Then on Saturday, Best Shot, Tin Soldier and Meatloud are at Hednesford Ex-Servicemen's Club, in Anglesey Street, Hednesford. Call 01543 422407 for tickets, also £5.

Proceeds from both shows will go to Pancreatic Cancer UK.

Lottery delight for 22 people in street

TWENTY two people in a Cheslyn Hay street are celebrating a win in the People's Postcode Lottery.

Among them were Anne Kelsall, who won £2,000 with two tickets, and David Ward, Rosemary Kingston, Deb Martin, Terry Moore, Robert Jones, Nev Cooper, and Jaqueline Matthews, who won £1,000 each.

The winners have already been making plans for how to spend their winnings, with an anniversary trip to the Maldives, 'lots of holidays', house renovations and a new tattoo on the cards. There were two other £2,000 winners and 12 other £1,000 winners from Coppice Close.

People's Postcode Lottery ambassador Judie McCourt said: "This is our biggest daily prize ever."

Neil's second pub

FORMER Men Behaving Badly star Neil Morrissey is set to open a second pub in Staffordshire. The 55-year-old star and his business partners are now taking on the Old Bramshall Inn in Stone Road, near Uttoxeter.

Fete to mark centre's 50th anniversary



Anita Castellina Photo: www.dogaid.co.uk

AVON Business and Leisure Ltd in Cannock will be holding a fete next weekend as part of their 50th anniversary celebrations.

The event on Saturday, June 23, will be opened by Birmingham pop star Bev Bevan, and all proceeds will go to Dog AID, which this year celebrates its 25th anniversary.

One of the event organisers is Anita Castellina from Lancashire, who has been a trustee at Avon Business and Leisure for 30 years.

She recently received the British Empire Medal from Lord Shuttle-

worth for outstanding service. Four years ago her assistance dog George was awarded an OBE from the PDSA – the first Dog AID trainee to receive such an accolade.

Anita said: "It feels strange for me to receive an award for doing something I have loved for 30 years."

"It means I got to choose who we supported with the fete, so it was obvious for me to pick Dog AID who helped me train my assistance dog George. He does so much for me as a wheelchair user, including picking up dropped items, opening doors and

fetching help in an emergency." Admission to the fete at the Avon Business and Leisure centre in Avon Road is £1 per adult, free for children.

The event opens at 11am and will feature a range of stalls, demonstrations, and food and drink.

There are stalls available to hire at a cost of £25 for charities and £35 for non-charities. For further information contact 01543 503163/468507 or visit www.avonbusinessleisure.co.uk

For further information about fundraising, volunteering or supporting Dog AID visit www.dogaid.org.uk

Dog owners face tough new fines in crackdown

DOG owners will be hit with £100 fines if caught letting their pets into children's play areas in Cannock, under tough new plans.

They will also be hit in the pocket if found walking more than three dogs at a time in prohibited areas and for not cleaning up mess.

And if they fail to pay the fixed-penalty notices the cost could rise as high as £1,000.

Cannock Chase Council is looking to introduce the Public Space Protection Order (PSPO), to prohibit dogs from specified areas and limit the number of dogs people can take for a walk at one time.

Under the new rules – enforced by wardens – dogs would be strictly prohibited from up to 40 fenced play areas including ones at Cannock Park, Hednesford Park, Heath Hayes Park and Rugeley Leisure Centre.

It follows a public consultation into the matter, which, in summary, found that the majority of respondents were in favour of extending the remit of dog control in the district.

Hopes

There are currently two Dog Control Orders in force across the district, with the new measures allowing the council to crack down on the anti-social behaviour even further.

The leader of the council, Councillor George Adamson, says he hopes the plans would result in less dog mess being left by owners.

He said: "Most dog owners are responsible when it comes to leaving dog mess but there are some who aren't."

"As part of the consultation we asked the limit that the amount of dogs one person should have at a time and Staffordshire County Council said they think it should be six."

"I think we'll probably considering more like three – professional dog walkers will still be able to carry out their business. Hopefully it is going to result in less dog mess across Cannock Chase, which is a constant complaint we receive. It is unpleasant and a health risk."

Councillor Adamson said the council will also look at introducing wardens to enforce the Public Space Protection Order. The council's cabinet will make a decision today (Thursday).



James Slim with son Dylan, aged eight, and one of the entries in this year's Essington in Bloom

ESSINGTON is targeting first-time success in its debut Britain in Bloom entry this month.

The village is preparing for its first ever Essington In Bloom when the judges visit on June 25.

Three gardens have come together through the community-led scheme that has seen St John's Academy and St John's

Church get involved, as well as a nature garden created with the help of children from Messy Tots.

Essington parish councillor and Essington In Bloom organiser Councillor James Slim said: "I decided to register Essington and it's taken off since."

"It's been great getting the community behind this and everyone

has come out and supported me. Local businesses have donated and the support from community groups has been fantastic – I'm very proud of it."

"I think we'll score well on community involvement and environmental issues, especially with a church garden made of recycled tyres."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Menu on target for World Cup

AN Indian restaurant is getting right behind England's World Cup 2018 campaign by naming three curries after their star strikers.

Diners at the Dilshad, in Cannock Road, Chadsmoor, have the chance to try a Vardy Vindaloo, Kane Korma and Rashford Rogan Josh.

The restaurant will be decked out in England bunting and staff will be wearing England hats. England songs such as Three Lions, World in Motion and Fat Les's Vindaloo will be played.

Dilshad owner Tony Uddin said: "Buy any one and your player scores and you will win a free main meal of your choice plus rice or naan."

TV's Simon to tell of his adventures

NATURALIST and broadcaster Simon King, of Springwatch and Big Cat Diary fame, will be giving an illustrated talk at Lichfield Garrick on Thursday, June 21.

The evening includes a Q&A giving the audience the opportunity to chat about everything from the wildlife on their doorsteps to his adventures as a film-maker all over the world. His work also includes Planet Earth, the Life series and African Cats.

Tickets start from £18 and can be booked via the box office on 01543 412121 or at www.lichfieldgarrick.com

Co-op funerals boss re-elected

KEVIN Crute, head of Central England Co-operative Funeralcare, has been re-elected to the executive of the National Association of Funeral Directors (NAFD).

Following his election last year, he has been supporting the NAFD for the benefit of members, while steering the Funeralcare business which employs 800 people in 16 counties.

Mr Crute said: "To be re-elected to the NAFD executive means that I can still be involved in supporting the NAFD through a period of significant change in the funeral profession."

Families invited to a Big Wild Weekend

STAFFORDSHIRE Wildlife Trust is holding a Big Wild Weekend at its headquarters near Rugeley.

The event runs at the Wolsley Centre, Wolsley Bridge, on Saturday and Sunday from 10.30am to 3pm each day. There will be family activities including pond-dipping, bug hunts and natural craft sessions.

Visitors of all ages can also sign up for a 30 Days of Wild pack. For details, visit www.staffs-wildlife.org.uk

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IN MY VIEW
with Mark Andrews



Not just a store but a part of our fabric

FAREWELL to Beatties, then. It seems incredible to even write these words. Just 15 years ago, that would have been inconceivable. Back then, Beatties was not just a store, it was part of the fabric of the Midlands, a throwback to a bygone age when shopping was all about personal service and individuality.

And then House of Fraser came along. The Beatties name, which carried so much weight in the Midlands, was casually discarded on all but two of the stores because it "lacked resonance" with the corporate bods in London. The famous restaurant, which pulled in so many customers on a Saturday lunchtime, became a self-service cafe. Its quirky and distinctive clothing ranges were replaced with drab own-brand lines pretty much the same as in any other chainstore.

In short, they bought Grace Brothers. And turned it into BHS.

The sad thing is that recently Beatties showed signs of getting some of its mojo back. Just little touches, such as the man on the door in the top hat. It made Beatties feel like, well, Beatties again.

It looks like being too little too late, with the eye-watering business rates being a major factor in Beatties imminent demise. Reportedly, it had been paying something like £500,000 every year on the Wolverhampton store, which now seems a bit like killing the goose that laid the golden egg. Of course, business rates are set by national government, it still remains the case that an empty building won't generate much for the public coffers.

Perhaps it is time to re-think the way business rates are calculated. How can it be right that our beleaguered towns and cities, which are the lifeblood of cohesive communities, are being decimated by crippling rates, while out-of-town retail parks and online-shopping warehouses, are let off practically scot-free?

Surely these out-of-the-way locations, which lead to more car journeys and heavy-lorry movements, place more of a strain on our infrastructure – and indeed the environment – than the traditional high street?

There may have once been an argument, in the days when a prime town centre location was a licence to print money, for charging extra in rates. But as out-of-town warehouses suck the life out of our towns and cities, this surely no longer holds water.

It is time for the internet giants and the out-of-town retailers to pay their way, and give our town centres a bit of respite.

Otherwise, a generation from now, we might look back at what we have lost. And wonder how we ever allowed this to happen.

Leaving out one word can be deeply misleading



2018 abortion referendum – I hope historians give full credit to Father Ted



No croaker – Scottish actor Daisy Haggard in real life actually talks normally



Meera Syal – right decision to study drama rather than medicine as her parents wanted

Why I'm against language trend

I'VE no idea what some folk have against the word "against" but it seems to be passing out of our language. The trend began in the United States where defendants routinely "appeal the verdict" or "protest the legislation." Over here, I found a newspaper report about a controversial forestry plan where local people "protested the felling."

IT gets worse. A radio report on the BBC told us about activists "demonstrating land seizures" when they were actually demonstrating against land seizures. Leaving out one little word is not only lazy but can be deeply misleading. I am very much against it. Or in modern usage, I am very much *it*. JOB opportunities in the movies. The interminable credits for the time-travel romp *Outlander* (Sony Pictures TV) reveal that the production team includes a "dimmer board operator." If they paid better wages they might get a brighter one.

I WROTE recently about the hazards of 'smart' devices scanning the contents of our fridges and suggesting tasty menus using whatever we have in stock. My fear was that 'artificial intelligence' (now, there's an oxymoron) may not understand that we humans keep some non-food items in the fridge, including contact-lens solution and suchlike. A reader draws us into grimmer territory: "I currently have a tube of ointment for an anal fissure. Recipe suggestions, please?" Offhand, I can only think of wince pies.

THE aftermath from Bishop Curry's sermon at the Royal Wedding rumbles on. A reader takes me to task for being underwhelmed and encourages me to obey the bit about loving everybody, including my neighbours and my enemies. It has always struck me, even in my chapel-going

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



days, that love was rather a powerful and extreme emotion to lavish upon all and sundry. If you love your enemy what are you supposed to feel for your parents, your spouse or your children? I love my nearest and dearest. I respect, tolerate, admire or dislike the rest of humanity, depending entirely on how they behave.

"THERE are many more people alive today because I didn't become a doctor." Writer and actor Meera Syal on her decision to study drama at university rather than medicine as her parents wanted.

HAVE you ever thought what a happier world this would be if we were all tucked up in bed at 10pm? The recent crop of deeply defamatory tweets and texts horrifying America were mostly sent in the wee small hours and have been blamed variously on medication or tiredness. No surprises there. Most of the vitriolic messages that plunk into my in-box are sent after midnight and sometimes carry tell-tale hints of being booze or medicine-related. Nothing brings out the fearless critic in Joe Public quite like four pints of lager and a nasal spray.

I WAS astonished to find 'zombie knives' on open sale on Google News pages referring to the Croydon knife attack. I left it 24 hours – plenty of time to take down such adverts – and looked again. This time, the two genuine zombie knives were joined by an advert for a £2.79 'Blood-stained screamer knife'. It turns out to

be an accessory toy for Halloween. So that's all right, then.

A YOUNGOV survey of 20,000 people found that youngsters are less likely to feel proud of being English than older people. I'm surprised because today's over-60s grew up in an age when Englishness was barely mentioned. Back then, we were all British. Then Scottish nationalism kicked off and the reaction south of the border was a sort of Englishness that goes with tattoos, football and owning unpleasant dogs. Being British was always wiser, kinder and more inclusive than being English and there is life, and pride, in old GB yet.

IRELAND voted for abortion because Ireland no longer does what the Catholic Church tells it to do. That change is partly due to scandals involving dodgy priests and sadistic nuns but also to a rare comic creation who, on a weekly basis, mercilessly mocked the institution. When the historians write about the 2018 abortion referendum, I hope they give full credit to Father Ted.

SO. Having gotten used to one American import, namely the starting of sentences with 'so', a reader points out a new irritation, namely the female frog-croak. As he puts it: "It is the Americanism of drifting the end of sentences into a deep croak. Our youngsters are taking this on board at an ever increasing rate. 'Can't argue with that. Yet some Brits must share the blame. A croaker-in-chief is Myra, the humourless American head of comedy in Episodes (BBC2), and yet she is played by the Scottish actor Daisy Haggard who in real life talks normally."

TALKING POINT



Goal? Oh no I just popped out for a lolly!

IS it really four years since the last one? Yes it's the World Cup – again! This time, as much has been said about the off-field developments as how good, or bad, any particular country will fare on the pitch.

Which is interesting, as it occurred to me that the more World Cups I live through, the less I remember about the football. I recalled a number of occasions which stand out, going all the way back to England's finest moment – 1966.

Yes, I was as excited as anyone by the extra-time victory over West Germany, and yes I breathed a sigh of relief that our ancient Ekco television stayed on all the way through the tournament.

But England's quarter-final match is notable for the fact that on hearing the chimes of the ice cream van down the street, I nipped out for an ice lolly, taking advantage of the fact that although he had been sent off for dissent, Argentina's Antonio Rattin refused to leave the pitch. No problem, Rattin was still arguing with the ref when I returned. He finally gave in NINE minutes after being dismissed.

Sixteen years later, timing was crucial again. Having gone out for the day while on holiday in Wales, I was unaware I would get back to the caravan after England had kicked off against France.

Imagine my surprise, when popping into a farm for a pint of milk, to be greeted by "Such excitement, England have scored!" And that from a farmer's wife with the broadest Welsh accent I've ever heard. It turned out Bryan Robson had scored after 27 seconds to send England on their way to a famous 3-1 victory.

Then in 1990, the whistle could not come soon enough – the final between Argentina and West Germany, again while I was on holiday, this time in the Yorkshire Dales.

The reason? England had been knocked out in a semi-final penalty shoot-out by West Germany and my only way of dealing with the hurt was to turn my back on the TV during the final.

Fast forward to 2010 and while changing trains on the way back from a family function, I became aware that although I was listening to the commentary at ear-splitting volume on my personal radio, and England were seconds away from going through to the knockout stage, everyone around me carried on as if they'd never heard of the World Cup. Perhaps it was something to do with my being at Edinburgh's Haymarket station!

So, this time, whatever's happening on the pitch, don't hesitate to go and do some shopping or even just turn the TV off. Chances are, you won't miss a thing, but there again . . .

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World champ helps raise charity cash



Siblings Anna, aged 10, and Nathan Fletcher, aged 7, with jiu jitsu champion Leoni Munslow after the seminar

THOUSANDS of pounds has been raised for Crohn's and Colitis UK by a jiu jitsu group.

Head coaches at Cannock BJJ Alex Brown, who was diagnosed with ulcerative colitis six years ago, and Ash Fletcher, whose 10-year-old daughter Anna was also diagnosed, have been raising funds and awareness for the charity. The Cannock Brazilian Jiu Jitsu has raised more than

£4,000 by holding a seminar with jiu jitsu champion Leoni Munslow and through Alex running the London Marathon.

Leoni travelled up from London for the day to be a guest instructor at a two-hour seminar at Cannock BJJ for free because her brother suffers with colitis.

They raised more than £1,150 on the day from people who attended the seminar and from a prize raffle.

Amazon to create 2,500 jobs

AMAZON is boosting its UK workforce with plans to add 2,500 permanent jobs by the end of the year.

The online retail giant, which has a warehouse in Rugeley, said the jobs – across 'all levels of experience' – include software developers, engineers, technicians and those seeking entry-level positions and on-the-job training. Amazon UK's country man-

ager Doug Gurr declined to say how many of the jobs will be directed towards its warehouses, although the company confirmed that 16 of its warehouses were set to recruit.

The company said about 650 roles would be created across its development centres and cloud computing division Amazon Web Services. Amazon UK's head office in London is also set to hire 'hundreds' of staff.

It will bring the total number of

staff in the UK to 27,500 by the end of 2018, with Amazon having invested more than £9.3 billion in its local operations since 2010.

Mr Gurr said: "The UK is a fantastic place to do business so we are delighted to continue our investment in the British economy and provide quality, permanent roles for people the length and breadth of the country.

"We are proud to be expanding our UK workforce."



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Customers lack power over bills

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The bills are now carefully calculated to ensure at various times the customer is now in credit, paying up-front.

Not satisfied with extortionate charges, the utility company now have in their coffers millions of pounds of customers' money.

It's nice to know there are various quangos established to protect our interests, I don't think.

This is another of Thatcher's legacies to the British people.

PETER BLAINE
Burntwood

Who will help us to escape this racket?

READING a report of 'stats' about pet dogs prompts me to say, I am not at all surprised to read that dog owners are in love with their pets.

I have always wondered why the suffix 'Royal' is in RSPCA when the organisation who exist to protect children is only allowed a 'National' in their title. Says it all; animals are more important than humans, who are vulnerable, to the British public.

Press was equally guilty of bullying

I MUST take issue with Tom Robbins's allegation that no bullying was carried out by those supporting Brexit ("No doubt about the choices", May 24).

The right-wing press, who denigrated the top legal minds who questioned the Brexit decision as 'enemies of the people' and those who condemned the result of the referendum as 'traitors' were surely guilty of bullying, since they were labelling all who voted Remain as treacherous.

We are meant to believe that 'deregulation' refers to more individual freedom, whereas to those who coined the term it means more zero-hours contracts, less Health & Safety rules and laws, less civil rights etc.

G BLOWER
Cannock

The owners of dogs do not hear the pitiful whining, barking and howling their animals, pets, kick up when left locked inside their properties, without human company.

A very uncaring young landlord has moved a woman into a house, too close to me. Most of the property owners (of many years) are suffering disturbance, even sleep deprivation, because of this racket, and the house owner/landlord,

thinks it's funny. The tenant is not satisfied with one dog here, she has four! The howling is as if the dogs are within our house.

Apparently they are not breaking any law, so we can get no protection by police action. I would say there must be a 'disturbing the peace' of several households – who will help us?

R JORDAN
Hednesford

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Free guide to getting care advice

EVERY day, another 6,000 people take on a caring responsibility and, by 2037, it's anticipated that the number of carers in the UK will increase to nine million.

To coincide with Carers Week 2018 – June 11 to 17 – Independent Age, the older people's charity, has launched a new, free advice guide to help people identify as carers, and access the practical, financial and emotional support available.

The guide, called 'Caring for someone: How to get the support you need', is suitable for anyone who might be a carer. It is free to order and download from www.independentage.org/caring-for-someone or can be ordered for free by calling 0800 319 6789.

LUCY HARMER
Director of Services

Attacking faith leads to violence on streets

PETER Rhodes's comments on Bishop Curry are very wide of the mark, and neither Peter Rhodes or anyone else can prove God does or does not exist (Chronicle, June 7).

Although I was brought up as a Christian, I too went away and was an active atheist until my 50s, just like Peter.

As a child in a Christian society I never remember the level of violence on the public streets that exists today with young people carrying guns and knives.

In my view it is the activities of those attacking people of faith that is the major cause of the violence on our streets.

Trying to stop violence by having more security and more and longer-term prison sentences with much bigger prisons to contain them will cost ever-rising levels of taxation. In my view, British values are no values at all.

MICHAEL FAWDREY
Hednesford

Green spaces neglected

THERE has to be action taken to stop a part of Great Wyrley becoming a ghetto. Shrubs and green spaces were put down by the council and now are neglected. Any pride that households have shown in their garden is being undermined by the jungle around us. Certain parts of Great Wyrley are the poor relation of South Staffs, and in these areas people want to get out and vote for someone who cares.

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THE family of famous pub landlady Ma Pardoe are coming to Bridgtown – the village where she was born.

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ories. Doris Jones was born in 1898 at 19 North Street, Bridgtown, where her father ran a grocery business.

After she married she went on to run the Old Swan in Netherton where she became a legend, with people travelling from all over the Midlands to sample the very traditional pub and the beer she brewed. The Old Swan

is now a tourist attraction, with the interior of the premises as she left it – and still serving the high-quality ale for which she was famous.

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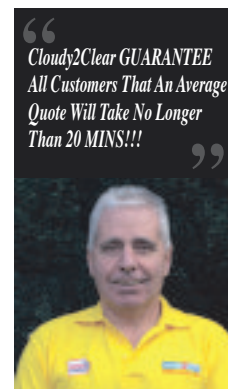
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Merger 'will streamline services for patients'

THE merger of two NHS trusts has been approved by regulators.

South Staffordshire and Shropshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (SSSFT) and Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Partnership NHS Trust (SSOTP) have joined together to become Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (MPFT).

The merger brings together 8,500 staff and two nationally recognised healthcare providers, with the aim of improving access to physical and mental health, learning disability and social care services for patients and service users in Staffordshire and Shropshire.

MPFT intends to have one care plan for patients covering their physical and mental health and social care needs, reducing unnecessary duplication and enabling better care co-ordination to make it less confusing for patients when they are at their most vulnerable.

Neil Carr, chief executive of MPFT, said: "Research shows that if you have a long-term health condition,

By Pippa Armstrong

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Patients and service users are being assured there will be no 'big bang' change to the services people receive and no frontline staff are affected by the merger.

Free rabbit-health check offer at vets



Jo Civil, receptionist at 387 Vets, with the cuddly 'guess the name of the bunny' prize

A VETERINARY practice is running free health checks for pet rabbits as part of an initiative to support June's Rabbit Awareness Week (RAW).

Great Wyrley-based 387 Veterinary Centre is offering free qualified nurse-led rabbit MOTs not just during the week of the national campaign, which ran from June 2 to 10, but for the whole of this month. Attendees also take home a free goodie bag themed around the focus of RAW 2018 - 'Move away from Muesli!'

"Muesli-style diets can be unhealthy for lots of reasons," said 387 Vets clinical director Hamish Duncan.

"They can increase the risk of digestive problems, make rabbits more prone to dental disease and overgrown teeth from the lack of fibre and chewing activity."

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Mindless! Rugby club's HQ ransacked in raid

RUGBY club members have been left devastated after their community hub was ransacked.

The attack on Burntwood Rugby Club saw thieves smash their way into the venue, leaving members 'heartbroken'.

Club president Paul Rogers said he was worried that repairs could now mount into the tens of thousands of pounds after the raid.

The 52-year-old said: "It's a mindless thing for small monetary gain. Having seen the footage of men walking in and smashing things with crowbars, I feel quite sorry for them."

"I think they are sad. If that's all they have got to do, then they haven't got much going on in their lives."

Police were alerted to the break-in at 3.40am on Tuesday last week after the club's alarm system was triggered.

Pain

Two men wearing hooded jackets, gloves and dark tracksuits were captured on CCTV approaching the club, at The Sportsway, around the time of the break-in. Vandalism smashed a window to get in through the roof.

They propped memorial benches up against walls to help them scale the roof before stealing lead tiles.

Father-of-three Mr Rogers, who has been with the club for the past 35 years, said: "We are a community club. Everybody shares it, there's lots of community groups which come and use it. Everybody is feeling the pain of this break-in."

"I have been overwhelmed by the response from everyone, people offering to help and tidy up, it's humbling."

"You have to be strong and move on because you can't let something like



This man was on CCTV at the time of the break-in

this get to you. We are feeling quite low and shocked but we are all rallying together." A pool table at the club, which is used by about 180 youngsters and various community groups, was also left with a gaping hole.

Cash was taken from the table - as well as a sweets machine - while a CCTV camera was shattered.

Despite the break-in, members boarded up the damaged window and cleared the mess before opening as usual the same day.

Mr Rogers, who said the club suffered a 'particularly bad break-in' a decade ago, said other clubs in the



A second man appears to be armed with a crowbar

area had got in touch to say they had experienced similar ordeals.

He added: "At the end of the day it's hard to survive running a club this size, which I can say I am proud it's a community club offering services for the many local kids, elderly and everyone else we can help."

"But it is made so much harder for all our staff and volunteers when you have to suffer these insults."

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A MAN whose family has been plagued by dementia is walking 17 miles to raise money for Dementia UK.

Geoff Barber will be going on a round trip from Alma Court care home in Heath Hayes, where his mother Irene, who has dementia, is a resident, to Stafford Crematorium, where his father-in-law Geoffrey Martin, who had dementia, is laid to rest.

The 59-year-old will be joined by five of his family's dogs who will complete different sections of the route on July 7.

"I love my mum so much but this is the only thing I can think of to help her," he said.

Anyone interested in helping Geoff can visit www.justgiving.com/fundraising/geoff-barber

The Newhall Farm pub in Heath Hayes is also selling raffle tickets to help raise funds.



Geoff Barber with Jess, one of the dogs joining him on the walk for Dementia UK

Test-drive car thief strikes seven times

A BRAZEN thief drove off with seven cars after arranging test drives, prompting a warning from police.

Drivers were duped as the crook struck when meeting owners and pretending he was interested in buying the cars.

Vehicles have been stolen in Cannock, South Staffordshire and Lichfield. Drivers are being warned to be on their guard after the scam was reported to police.

After arranging a test drive for the cars, which were all advertised for sale on AutoTrader, the man, described as white, 6ft, and stocky with stubble, has then driven off.

He has struck seven times since



Police have issued a warning

April 18, Staffordshire Police said. Chiefs are now warning drivers to be aware who they are allowing to test drive their cars

Det Insp John Quilty said: "We are

reminding the public to be alert. Do not hand your keys over to a potential buyer, and be sure to ask for ID or confirmation of insurance.

"If you do have an unusual meeting with a prospective buyer, or have any information in relation to these thefts, please report it to us on 101 quoting incident number 719 of June 4.

"Alternatively, to remain anonymous, contact the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111."

Cannock councillor Paul Witton said he was disgusted by the actions of the common.

He said: "It's an awful thing to do. I don't know what society is coming to. "These people have got no conscience. Too many people are too trusting these days."

Launch of new visitor campaign

A CAMPAIGN will be launched in Lichfield tomorrow (Friday) to raise the city's profile as a visitor destination.

The new Visit Lichfield initiative is being unveiled at the Three Spires Shopping Centre between mid-day and 2.30pm.

As well as a new logo and website, a series of adverts will run at high-footfall areas around the UK.

It comes after Lichfield City Centre Partnership, which includes representatives from Lichfield District Council, Lichfield BID, Lichfield Cathedral and other local organisations and venues, decided that it wanted to raise the profile of Lichfield as a tourism

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Mark Mundy, race director for Mash

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Funding closes the gate on arson threat

AN 'ongoing issue' of anti-social behaviour in Cannock town centre has been resolved thanks to a safety scheme. Concerns were raised about people starting fires, 'risk taking behaviour' and rough sleeping near the Prince of Wales Market bin store.

The police and fire service were regularly called out to incidents, and as a result the problems were raised at the Community Safety Hub, a multi-agency meeting hosted by Cannock Chase Council with the aim of improving community safety. Various organisations attend and offer guidance and support.

Business pair have big plans in store



Investment – Mike Wilson, left, and Andy Wood

A MULTI-MILLION pound deal has been secured by two entrepreneurs setting up a self-storage facility in Cannock. And the 72,000 sq ft of storage space now under construction on the A5 in Bridgtown is the first of many to come if Mike Wilson and Andy Wood of the newly launched SureStore have their way.

They have plans to roll out 10 purpose-built such facilities in the Midlands and North West over the next 18 months, having secured another three development sites in Wigan, Bolton and Northwich, totalling 120,000 sq ft.

The SureStore concept was born when the two men found themselves sitting next to each other on a flight to a self-storage World Expo in 2015.

The concept is now taking off, thanks to the recent sale of Wilson's previous brand, Smart Storage, in a deal worth £13 million, and the disposal of Mr Wood's Storage Boost business for an undisclosed sum in 2017. They have now secured an investment package from private equity funders Seneca Partners in order to realise their expansion plans.

Walking to good health

A SERIES of free health-boosting walks are being held in Lichfield's historic parks twice a month until October.

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Meet at Beacon Park's Ranger Station at 10.45am in time to set off at 11am.

Campaign lifts stigma, health officials claim

THE stigma around death has been broken after a 'public conversation' was held, according to health officials.

In March, the Dying Matters Staffordshire, campaign was launched, to help people talk openly about what they wanted when they die. It encouraged dialogue and discussion with the public about the importance of talking about and planning for end-of-life experiences, and urged adults, without advanced long-term conditions, to start talking to someone about dying, death and their final wishes.

The Staffordshire Health and Wellbeing Board have been asked to consider the role of digital technology in supporting health and healthy lifestyles as the theme for the next public conversation. This will be debated today (Thursday).

Cannock Chase Council in conjunction with the Community Safety Partnership and the Prince of Wales Theatre contributed to funds to purchase gates to secure the bins and stop the ongoing anti-social behaviour issues.

Councillor Carl Bennett, portfolio leader for crime and partnerships, said: "One of the council's priorities for 2018-2023 is the improvement of community wellbeing."

Excellent

"When related to community safety, this is achieved through sustaining safe and secure communities, so I am delighted that the weekly Community Safety Hub has resolved this ongoing issue in Cannock town centre."

"This is an excellent example of partners working together to address concerns within the community. I am pleased to say that since the installation, there have been no further reports of ASB or crime in this location."

Duncan Rollo, partnerships manager for the Cannock Local Policing Team at Staffordshire Police, said "It was an excellent example of partnership working, all involved respecting the knowledge and expertise of each other."

Ready to ramble

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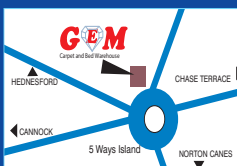
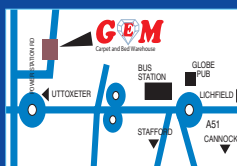
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Petition on A-board charges

CANNOCK Chase MP Amanda Milling has launched a petition calling for charges for A-boards and furniture outside businesses to be abolished.

"The policy is a direct tax on local small businesses in Cannock Chase and in danger of further undermining our town centres. Small cafes could be expected to pay as much as £500 a year to have tables and chairs outside," she said.

"These charges are anti-small business and are driving independent businesses away from our town centres at a time when we should be supporting them."

It comes after Cannock Chase Council introduced charges for businesses who want to display A-boards and have street furniture, including tables and chairs, outside their businesses.

Police-fire merger is delayed for months

A governance merger of police and fire services in Staffordshire has been delayed.

Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis received the go-ahead for the merger from then Home Secretary Amber Rudd in March and it was due to take place this month.

Mr Ellis has said the move will save £36 million over the next decade and improve the way the two services work together. He has stressed that it will not affect frontline services.

The governance merger, which will affect departments including finance, human resources and communications, was opposed by Stoke-on-Trent City Council, Staffordshire County Council and Staffordshire Fire Authority, which is set to be abolished.

But the county council heard at its



Question – Councillor John Francis

annual meeting there had been a delay due to technical issues. A Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Authority report to the council said: "The Authority has received notification that the process

for transferring the governance function of the Fire Authority to the Police and Crime Commissioner has been delayed.

"In the meantime the fire authority remains fully competent and accountable for ensuring the statutory role of delivering fire services in Stoke on Trent and Staffordshire are properly discharged."

Councillor Stephen Sweeney, who chairs Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Authority, said: "Some people say it is going to be July or August but it is probably September or October."

Fellow county councillor John Francis said: "When the Police and Crime Commissioner takes over the fire authority who is going to scrutinise?"

Councillor Sweeney responded: "That's a very interesting question; I don't know. It has not been decided yet."

Survivors step out for group



Sue McMillan, left, Jackie Harrison and Janet Watson were among those taking part in a two-mile walk from The Wheatsheaf for the Great Wyrley Stroke Group

STROKE survivors raised £750 after a two-mile sponsored walk aimed at helping other stroke sufferers.

Members of the Great Wyrley Stroke Group walked around the village, beginning and ending at The Wheatsheaf pub, to gather funds to support stroke victims and their families.

Group volunteer Sally Harrison, whose mother Jackie has suffered from strokes, said: "The main reasons for this walk were to raise money to keep the organisation afloat and raise awareness of stroke."

"Our priority is to be a support network and to make people aware."

"Some people aren't lucky enough to have support at home, and this group gives them someone to talk to who understands what they're going through."

Despite the walk being challenging, the purple-dressed army bravely carried on. "It's about being proud," Sally added.

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Spate of house fires sparks smoking alert

SMOKERS are being urged to take extra care at home after a man died in one of three house fires caused by cigarettes in three days.

The warning from Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service comes after a Penkridge woman managed to escape from her burning bungalow.

The home was destroyed by the blaze, which started in the kitchen and was caused by a discarded cigarette.

Crews went to Orchard Crescent just after 5.45pm on Monday last week and found that the 59-year-old woman had escaped into her back garden where she was being helped by neighbours. Firefighters from Cannock, Stafford, Penkridge and Fallings Park extinguished the blaze.

The aerial ladder platform from Longton also attended to remove unsafe roof tiles.

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The woman was given oxygen therapy by paramedics at the scene before being taken to Stafford's County Hospital where she was said to be in a stable condition. The adjoining bungalow was also affected by the smoke.

This incident happened two days after a man died at his home in Stafford in a blaze which fire crews said was caused by careless cigarette disposal. Firefighters took the man outside after the fire started in his living room but he was pronounced dead at the scene.

Later on the Saturday, firefighters responded to an incident in Abbey Hulton, Stoke-on-Trent, where another serious blaze started because of 'smoking materials'.

The service is reminding people about the SAME campaign which



The burned-out bungalow in Penkridge was hit by a fire started by a cigarette



A woman had a lucky escape from the bungalow in Penkridge

highlights the four factors that greatly increase the likelihood of dying in a house fire - smoking, alcohol, mobility issues and being elderly.

In the last 10 years, research has shown that cigarettes, cigars and lighters have been the biggest cause of fires in which people have died, with 41 per cent of those who died being smokers. Fire investigation officer Tim Holling-

worth said the woman was lucky to have escaped the Penkridge bungalow blaze unharmed.

"This was a very severe fire," he added. "If you are a smoker please ensure you dispose of cigarettes/cigars correctly in an appropriate ashtray."

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It features a 15ft (4.6m) tall sculpture, surrounded by 3,000 dedication brick pavers which can be engraved with the name of a loved one and a special message.

A documentary has been created to demonstrate how the purchase of a dedication brick can make a difference. The video is at www.midlandsairambulance.com/in-memory

Once the 3,000 dedication bricks are complete, the donations raised will be more than £140,000 – enough to fund 56 lifesaving missions.

Fundraising director Jason Levy said: "Although losing a loved one is of course very difficult, this dedication keeps their memory alive and gives families a place to visit and remember them for years to come."

For more information call 0800 840 2040.

Number of impounded vehicles tops 8,800

ALMOST 9,000 vehicles have been seized by Staffordshire Police over the past year, a third of which had no valid insurance.

Vehicles were also removed after they were found without tax or were discovered abandoned or used in crime or had been involved in collisions. A total of 8,813 vehicles were seized in the 12 months to the end of April.

Insp Andrew Chapman, who leads the force's vehicle recovery unit, said a "zero tolerance" policy is in place.

"The vehicle recovery team work very hard to contact the owner and give them ample opportunity to reclaim their vehicle with the right documentation," he said.

"But there are a high number of vehicles not collected and ultimately disposed of each month, many of which have been seized for no tax or insurance."

When a vehicle is seized by police, the DVLA-registered keeper is sent a letter advising them of the seizure and its storage location and informing them of how to reclaim the vehicle and any associated recovery and storage costs. However,

By David Banner

3,372 of the vehicles seized in the last year were not collected and resulted in them being disposed of, meaning they were either sent to auction or scrap, dependent on the value of the vehicle.

The money raised from any auction is held in a suspense account for up to 12 months from the vehicle's seizure for the vehicle owner to claim the value of the vehicle back, minus expenses incurred for storing it.

In the 12 months to April 30, the force seized 3,267 vehicles for no insurance and 481 for no tax. The other 5,065 vehicles were seized for various reasons such as road traffic collisions, identified as stolen, used in a crime or abandoned.

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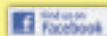
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NSCG is one of the top performing post-merger institutions in England. Its overall achievement rate during the last academic year stood at 88.2 per cent, placing the group in the top spot in Staffordshire and South Cheshire.

Chance to see what college has to offer

One of Staffordshire's leading general further education colleges, Stafford College will be holding an open event on Saturday between 10am and 12pm.

The college, part of Newcastle and Stafford Colleges Group (NSCG), is staging the event to give prospective students an insight into the A-level, vocational and apprenticeship courses on offer as well as showcase the college's brand new state-of-the-art facilities.

As well as getting course advice on the range of post-16 qualifications on offer, visitors will have the opportunity to meet the college's principal Karen Dobson, chat to current students and take a tour of the new

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and improved facilities at Stafford College. Staff will also be running a range of interactive demonstrations where visitors can have a go at a wide range of activities to help them get a feel for the learning environments at the college.

Karen Dobson, Principal and Chief Executive of NSCG, said: "The aim of our open events is to provide school leavers with the full range of options available, so that they can make an informed choice about their future studies."

"We have an extremely impressive course offering, now including a huge variety of A-levels and have invested heavily to enhance

the facilities on campus. We would urge anyone considering going to college in September to come along and take a look at what we have to offer."

NSCG is one of the top performing post-merger institutions in England. Its overall achievement rate during the last academic year stood at 88.2 per cent, placing the group in the top spot in Staffordshire and South Cheshire and in the top 15 per cent of colleges nationally.

Since the merger between Stafford College and Newcastle-under-Lyme College in November 2016, the college has invested over £3.5 million to transform the campus facilities and create a modernised and

inspiring environment for its students. Stafford College now has some of the best learning environments in the county.

The college's state-of-the-art facilities include the recently renovated Science & Technology Centre. Covering four floors, top-class facilities include robotics suites, biology, chemistry, physics and engineering laboratories, IT suites and a LEGO® Education Innovation Studio.

In the college's Riverbank building, a brand-new Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy Academy was created as well as new socialising spaces for students, which includes a coffee lounge serving Costa Coffee and a refurbished food hall.

Courses are currently available in a wide range of subjects at Stafford College including 22 different A-level subjects plus vocational subjects in art and design, applied science, business, childcare, computing, construction, engineering, hair and beauty, health and social care, hospitality and catering, music and performing arts, public services, sport, travel and tourism with events and also vehicle mechanics.

If you're interested in studying at Stafford College this September, pre-register for the last open event of the summer taking place on Saturday, June 16, between 10am and 12 noon, at www.staffordcoll.ac.uk

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Youth group prepare for production



Spotlight Youth Productions have been awarded The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

A YOUTH theatre company are busy rehearsing for their next production, Grease, at Norton Canes High School next month.

Spotlight Youth Productions perform two main productions a year – a pantomime in January and a summer show in July – with the occasional concert, showcase and social event in between. Spotlight also run a summer academy every August.

Founded in February 1997 with the aim of providing a youth theatre facility within the Brownhills area the group aim to bring fun and joy to audiences and members alike.

In the run-up to next month's production, Spot-

light have been awarded The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.

This is the highest award given to volunteer groups across the UK to recognise outstanding work in the community.

Performing members are aged eight to 18. There are no auditions for membership, all members require an enthusiasm for musical theatre and a willingness to perform to the best of their ability.

Tickets for Grease, which will be performed from Thursday, July 12 to Sunday, July 15 can be ordered by calling the ticket secretary on 07528 456031 or by emailing tickets@spotlite.co.uk

More drive-in films at park

ROLL up! Roll up! The all singing, all dancing spectacle, The Greatest Showman, will be Beacon Park's third Drive-in Movie of 2018 on Friday, August 10.

It will then be followed by the romantic 90s classic, Pretty Woman, on Saturday, August 11.

The movies will play on a giant screen, and drivers need to park up and tune in their car radios to hear the soundtracks.

There will be movie meals and cinema snacks on offer as well as a reserved area in front of the cars for on-foot ticket holders to take along chairs and blankets. However, walk-in tickets have already sold out for The Greatest Showman.

Councillor Iain Eadie, cabinet member for leisure

at Lichfield District Council, said: "Beacon Park is a wonderful setting for our summer drive-ins, and we're really excited to be showing The Greatest Showman and Pretty Woman.

"We expect both films to be really popular, so book as soon as you can to avoid disappointment."

Gates will open at midday. The films will start when it gets dark at around 9pm.

The Greatest Showman is rated certificate PG and Pretty Woman is rated certificate 15.

Tickets are £25 a car per movie and £5 for on-foot customers, with the option of hiring a headset for £3 as well as a deposit of £15 on the night.

Tickets can be booked by calling 01543 412121.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Funding to help brewery expand

FREEDOM Brewery at Bagots Park, Abbots Bromley, has secured £3.5 million to support its growth.

It will support a marketing push and recruitment in sales and marketing. The funding from private equity firm Oakfield Capital follows Freedom's success leading to its beers being sold in more than 2,000 outlets.

Deadline looms for solstice walk

REGISTRATION for the St Giles Hospice Solstice Walk through Lichfield on Saturday will be closing at midnight today (Thursday.)

Anyone wanting further details of the event or wishing to register can call 01543 432538 or visit the hospice website at www.stgileshospice.com

The event is for women only.

Council submits plans document

LICHFIELD District Council has submitted its revised Local Plan Allocations document to the Government.

Following a consultation in spring last year and new evidence, the authority made some changes to its draft Lichfield District Local Plan Allocations, which led to a consultation on the Focused Changes document.

Specials recruitment

A FAMILIARISATION event will be held at Staffordshire Police HQ on Thursday, June 21, from 7pm to 9pm for anyone interested in becoming a Special Constable. There will be an opportunity to ask questions.

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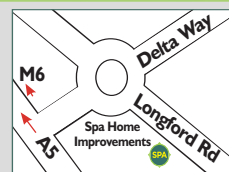


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So happy together after love at first sight on dancefloor

IT was love at first sight, according to an inseparable couple celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

Christine and John Holdcroft, from Hednesford, met in 1966 at a dance being held at the town's Aquarius Ballroom.

"I had another boyfriend at the time," said Christine, who is originally from Chasmoor, "but I knew straight away that I wanted him."

It was love at first sight. We spend every day together. We are just so happy, it's lovely."

John and Christine married in 1968 at Cannock Church after he proposed in what it's fair to say are modest circumstances.

"It was in my mother's house, we were in the front room and he just said 'Will you marry me?'," said Christine.

"He got me a beautiful engagement ring, I've still got it."

They have one daughter, 45-year-old Nicola, and a grand-daughter, 22-year-old Georgia.

Christine spent the bulk of her working life at Marks & Spencer in Stafford, while John, who is originally from Chasetown, worked as an operator in a factory.

Georgia paid tribute to them: "They are just lovely people," she said.



Their wedding day



Christine and John Holdcroft - 'lovely people'



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Don't miss a trick! Tips on how to spot a con

Pupils' healthy diet advice



Cameron Tarplee, left, and Ethan Turner outside the shop

PUPILS from Penkridge Middle School learned about healthy eating when they produced adverts for the reopening of the village's Premier convenience store after a refurbishment.

Two youngsters in Year 6, Ethan Turner and Cameron Tarplee, ran a stall outside the shop and gave away free fruit while passing on healthy eating advice. "The boys did a great

job," teacher Paul Mobberley said. "With shoppers on their way to and from the market and elsewhere, the boys gave away free fruit, passed on the healthy eating message and shared their work."

It came after pupils learned about the Eatwell Plate food groups and the need for a balanced diet.

They also made their own meals that contained these groups.

PEOPLE in Staffordshire are being urged to spot signs of scams, report them and look out for those who may become victims.

Scams Awareness Month, which runs throughout June, aims to inform people of the types and extent of con tricks that pose a threat to people's finances and wellbeing.

The county council wants people to look out for tell-tale signs online, on the phone, through the post or on the doorstep.

Led by Citizens Advice and the Chartered Trading Standards Institute, and backed by trading standards teams across the UK, the campaign is reminding people to take a moment and 'trust their gut instinct'.

This year's campaign - 'Don't miss a trick, be scam aware' - will continue to focus on those frequently targeted for scams.

Staffordshire County Council and the Staffordshire Police and Crime Commissioner's office are supporting the campaign.

Tactics

Common scams include doorstep double glazing sales, online investment offers, bogus bank calls asking for personal details, online job adverts asking for an upfront fee, offers for goods and services and fake prize draw winnings.

Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner Sue Arnold said: "The tactics used by scammers leave victims socially isolated and ashamed of telling their friends and families what's really going on behind closed doors."

"I've seen the emotional pain caused to victims of fraud, it hurts people emotionally, physically and financially. Often the emotional pain is the hardest."

Citizens Advice research shows that almost three quarters (72 per cent) of people surveyed had been targeted by scammers over a two-year period (2015-17).

More than a third had been targeted five or more times.

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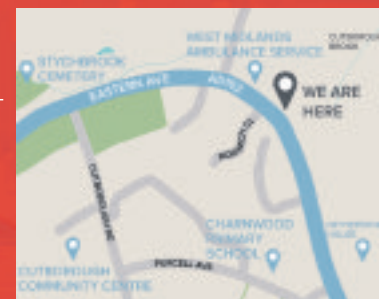
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Workers take part in support initiative

WORKERS at Bidfood in Cannock took part in a local initiative to support National Volunteer's Week.

It was part of the launch of a nationwide campaign to support local communities, with the foodservice provider encouraging each of its 26 sites to give back to their local communities.

The activities involved working closely with one of Bidfood's national charity partners, FareShare, which fights hunger and food waste in the UK.

On Tuesday, The Cannock team worked together with FareShare to assist their drivers to deliver food, sorted out food donations, organised the depot, and helped to pick and label food orders.

Simon Stretch, general manager at Bidfood in Cannock, said: "I am extremely happy that five of my dedicated team helped support our long-term partner FareShare."

Cannock Chase in top 10 of sites for young cyclists

CANNOCK Chase is in a top 10 of beginner routes for cycling.

The Ladyhill Trail has been described as being perfect for beginners and offering 'lots of opportunity to get off your bike and enjoy the forest surroundings'.

Fairy trees, Gruffalo sculptures and open play space add to the experience, Forestry Commission England said as it launched its list to celebrate National Cycling Week - June 9 to 17. "Cycling is an excel-

lent way to experience the outdoors and is a fantastic activity that can be enjoyed by the whole family," a Forestry Commission spokesman said.

"That's why thousands of households flock to the 1,300 kilometres of forest cycle trails the nation's forests provide. To learn to ride a bike on your own is a huge moment for any child, and with plenty of open space and off-road trails, Forestry Commission England believe they have the perfect place for children."

Fun, cycling challenges designed

to build a child's confidence and skills on their bike are available to download from <https://www.forestry.gov.uk/familycycling>

The other sites in the top 10 are the Lake Loop Trail, Leicestershire; Sherwood Pines, Nottinghamshire; All Ability Cycle Track, Surrey; Family Cycling Trail and Forest Cycle Track, both Northamptonshire; Lakeside Way, Northumberland; Cycling Skills Training Loop, Durham; Beechenhurst, Forest of Dean; Shephard Trail, East Anglia.

Fans enjoy journey back to the Sixties

REVIEW: Bringing On Back The Sixties, Prince of Wales Centre, Cannock

THERE was a real nostalgia fest as the New Amen Corner, former Manfred Mann frontman Mike d'Abo and Nancy Ann Lee took the audience back to the 1960s.

The New Amen Corner got the first half off to a terrific start with Bend Me, Shape Me, while a new twist on a cover of Paloma Faith's current chart hit Make Your Own Kind of Music brought proceedings to a close.

D'Abo entertained with his versions of Just like a Woman and My Name is Jack, a song that took his band into the top 10 back in 1968. Nancy Ann, meanwhile, played a cameo role, with her versions of Downtown and Son of a Preacher Man, with d'Abo telling a story behind each song. Feet continued to tap well into the encore.

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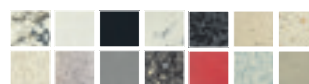
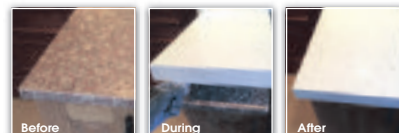


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The local election count at Cannock Civic Centre

Politics 'is a natural choice' for the young

TEMPESTUOUS times in the world of politics in recent years have seen more and more young people taking an interest.

From the generation-divide in the Brexit vote to Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn entertaining crowds at music festivals, politics is back on the lips of young adults, and they are making their mark. Not only with the vote but in council chambers.

In last month's local council elections 18-year-old Jake Cooper won the Belle Vue ward in Dudley for the Conservatives, while in the Cannock Chase elections a couple of young faces won over the electorate to take a seat on the council.

Here, recently elected councillors Olivia Lyons (Western Springs) and Paul Startin (Etching Hill and The Heath) give us an insight into how they came into politics and why.

OLIVIA LYONS: "As the 26-year-old daughter of a local gas man in Rugeley and being from a family who regularly involve themselves with community groups and charities, I grew up with an eagerness to help friends and neighbours.

"Prior to starting university and whilst studying A-levels at Burton College, I asked our then local MP, Aidan Burley, for work experience. I enjoyed it so much that I returned during each break from university.

"I thoroughly enjoyed my three years in Leeds studying Law and soaking up city life but, at heart, I am a home girl and was certainly ready to return to Staffordshire. Pursuing a career in law, I studied my LPC and Masters at Staffordshire University and joined a Private Client firm in Sutton Coldfield. Unfortunately, after only two years the company relocated, and I began working remotely from home.

"As a real people person, it was a natural choice to stand for election. I wanted to champion my hometown.

"These are also the same characteristics that eventually drew me away from law and towards my current role in Amanda Milling MP's office. If I can ever help, feel free to call me on 07969 525216."

PAUL STARTIN: "Although I'm now 29 and the youngest of four, there was never a shortage of opinions flying around the dining table and I was encouraged



Olivia Lyons – eagerness



Paul Startin – opinions

to form my own opinions. I was always politically minded.

"After 6th Form I worked in a factory for six months before travelling to Australia and New Zealand. I returned in the April with limited qualifications and my mother coming to the end of her three-year battle with cancer. I found myself unsure at the age of 19 as to what direction my life was going in. By August I decided to return to school, gain some good A-Levels, attend university and become a history teacher.

"I studied history at Lancaster University. From there I went to University of York to complete teacher training which didn't go to plan.

"I run my own businesses, Balustrade Components UK Ltd and its sister company, George Ellis Installations Ltd. If you ever need to get hold of me, please call me on 07525 167856."

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Woyzeck's whole lot of heart – no drama

Community is at the heart of Birmingham's cultural scene. And so Birmingham REP director Roxana Silbert is particularly pleased to give 100 locals the chance to perform.

They feature in a stunning new production called *Woyzeck*, by Georg Buchner, which is being presented by Birmingham Repertory Theatre in association with Birmingham International Dance Festival 2018 from tomorrow until June 23.

It stars a central character, *Woyzeck*, who just can't get a break. He's stuck living in military barracks and is forced to shave his condescending commanding officer every day. His wages are pitiful. His girlfriend might be having an affair. And now he is hearing voices. Maybe he's starting to crack? Or maybe it's just because his doctor is trialling a pea-only diet on him? It's far from ideal but his doctor's poking and prodding comes with the reward of some extra money. It's the chance for a better life if *Woyzeck* can just hold on that little bit longer.

Roxana says: "*Woyzeck* was written in the 1830s and we now have a new adaptation of it by Leo Butler. It has two professional actors, *Woyzeck* and Marie, his girlfriend, but the remaining 100 are community participants."

Theatre and dance will combine in the exhilarating story about fighting for a better life when everything else seems to be fighting against you. And as well as celebrating the human spirit, *Woyzeck* also celebrates the West Midlands spirit as a community with its chorus of 100 performers and dancers.

Roxana adds: "The play is the story of *Woyzeck* as a young man. They have a baby. It's the end of a War and it's set in the here and now in an unspecific Middle Eastern town, when they've won the war against insurgents. It's a heady period when the war is over but normality has not yet been established. In essence, it's about how they are trying to survive. He is a soldier with PTSD and no money. There's nothing in that town. It's about his mental health and how he's crushed. But also it's about how spirited they are."

The reason Roxana wanted to stage the play with a community cast is that the key themes of the work focus on the relationship between community and *Woyzeck*. "There are parades, drunken parties and towns."

And so as well as bringing the West Midlands community into the REP, the theatre has also been able to provide invaluable experience to theatrical assistants, assistant directors and tech-staff looking to improve in their chosen careers of sound and stage management.

The participation of amateurs has been revealing. It has not only given them hard-to-come-by experience of being in a professional theatre, but also re-energised the REP itself.

Roxana adds: "The people are from Birmingham and the surrounding area and there are all sorts of individuals here. For three years, we've been looking at this type of initiative where we get more members of the community involved and it's been tremendously important for both the theatre and those taking part."

"What we are hoping to do is create a sustained all-year round drama workshop for the theatre."

In addition to providing entertainment for regular theatre goers, *Woyzeck* is also an exercise in outreach work. It is demonstrating the creative talents of people from Birmingham, the Black Country and beyond. And the talents of West Midlandsers is a theme that Roxana warms to. "This is an amazingly talented city. It has

Community culture – the show is giving locals the chance to perform



an amazing range of young artists but also it's an extraordinary city because it's so diverse and the sense of community is so strong. The best part of this is how lovely people are to each other. The participants are aged 16 to 80 and they come from all backgrounds and all areas. They all make a great effort to get along."

Roxana's background was in community theatre and she has brought that ethos to the REP.

"It's energising and inspiring to give people these opportunities. You know, the creativity in this city is second to none. You don't see the diversity of talent that you see in London or Manchester. We don't know why people come to these things when they arrive on the first day, but over time we get to know them and their stories are tremendous."

"We have a girl who has been in hospital for three years and this the



This is an amazingly talented city. The sense of community is strong

first time she's danced since she's got out. We've seen people with no confidence stand on the largest stage in the country and speak out with huge confidence. A lot of people who come do so for personal reasons, frequently because things have gone wrong. Part of their rehabilitation is being creative. And from my perspective, that's much more moving than seeing people who are paid professionals."

"I think a regional theatre is about community. To put that community at the heart of what we do is the most important thing of all."

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In the Upper Room Pic: Roy Smiljanic



Curtain up on classic and contemporary ballets

FOLLOWING a successful tour of Japan, Birmingham Royal Ballet return home this month with striking modern works and the most famous love story ever told.

Kenneth MacMillan's Romeo and Juliet will be staged at the company's home theatre, Birmingham Hippodrome, from June 26 to 30.

Before that BRB present two modern classics and a must-see premiere in an adventurous programme entitled Polarity and Proximity.

Created in 2014 by former BRB dancer Alexander Whitley for the Birmingham International Dance Festival, Kin. is an athletic, abstract piece danced to a pulsing, hypnotic score by Phil Kline.

Embrace, choreographed by Worcestershire-born

George Williamson to a specially commissioned score from Sarah Kirkland Snider with new designs from Madeleine Girling, premieres as part of the Ballet Now talent development programme.

The triple bill concludes with American choreographer Twyla Tharp's In the Upper Room. Quick footed, dancers in sneakers and striking red pointe shoes dominate the stage with energy, flair and finesse, dancing to the hypnotic music of Philip Glass.

The Polarity and Proximity programme is at the Hippodrome, as part of the Birmingham International Dance Festival, from June 20 to 23.

A cast of more than 50 feature in Romeo and Juliet, and the spectacle is accompanied by Prokofiev's score played live by the Royal Ballet Sinfonia.

Be Witness as Katy Roars into Brum



She stormed to the top of the charts with debut single I Kissed A Girl 10 years ago – and has shown no signs of letting up since.

A string of hits have followed for Katy Perry – or Katheryn Elizabeth Hudson to give her her real name – including further number ones California Gurls, Part of Me and Roar.

After album successes with One of the Boys, Teenage Dream and Prism, the 35-year-old singer/songwriter, pictured, has embarked on her Witness tour and plays at Arena Birmingham next Monday,

June 18. Popular 21-year-old Haile Steinfeld, best know for her hits Starvin, a collaboration with Zedd, and Capital Letters, with BloodPop, provides support.

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"This ain't no disco. It ain't no country club either." It's the same Broad Street venue where Sheryl Crow, well-known for hits such as All I Wanna Do, performs on Tuesday, June 19. It Ain't Over Til It's Over as Grammy-award winning Lenny Kravitz takes the stage at Arena Birmingham on Wednesday.

Next Thursday, meanwhile, is a nice day for a White Wedding, as Billy Idol completes a busy week of gigs in Birmingham. The rocker plays at the O2 Academy.

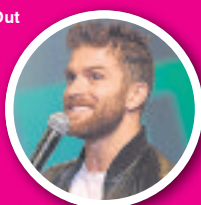
Joel tops the bill at Brierley Hill

I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here! 2016 runner-up Joel Dommett, pictured, tops the four comic bill when the Live At The Civic comedy night returns to Brierley Hill Civic Hall on Saturday.

Also bringing the laughs will be debonair 1930s throwback Troy Hawke, musical Rob Deering and Dudley's own Wayne Beese.

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BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **10.30** MOTD Live: FIFA World Cup 2018. **1.15** BBC News: Weather. **1.30** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.30** Escape to the Continent. (R) **3.30** Britain's Best Home Cook. (R) **4.30** MOTD Live: FIFA World Cup 2018. Peru v Denmark (Kick-off 5.00pm).

7.10 BBC News.

7.20 Regional Programme.

7.30 **Pointless Celebrities.** Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman present another star-studded edition of the unorthodox general knowledge quiz, this time inviting a selection of popular impressionists to compete. Seeking to emerge with the least points are The Big Impression double-act Alistair McGowan and Ronni Ancona, Dead Ringers co-stars Jon Culshaw and Jan Ravens, Rory Bremner and his Coalition Report collaborator Matt Forde, and Britain's Got Talent comedy stars Francine Lewis and Danny Posthill. (R)

8.20 **Casualty.** With Dylan nowhere to be found, Connie and Elle are forced to work together to pitch for funding for a new trauma centre. With both women struggling to hide their resentment of each other, their relationship hits rock bottom. Elsewhere, Bea grows concerned for Alicia, while Gem and Rash are tasked with looking after Connie's goldfish.

9.10 **All Round to Mrs Brown's.** Brendan O'Carroll's alter ego and her family welcome more celebrity guests into the family home, including Alan Davies, Marvin and Rochelle Humes and Wayne Bridge, who is called on to give Dermot and Buster a football masterclass.

10.10 BBC News: Weather; National Lottery Update.

10.30 MOTD: FIFA World Cup 2018 Highlights. Dan Walker introduces action from four group matches – France v Australia, Peru v Denmark, Argentina v Iceland and Croatia v Nigeria.

11.30 MOTD: FIFA World Cup 2018 Replay. Argentina v Iceland. A full re-run of the opening match in Group D, as the teams faced each other at Spartak Stadium in Moscow.

1.10 Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.15** BBC News.

BBC2

6.15 David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities. (R) **6.40** Naomi's Nightmares of Nature. **7.10** The Pets Factor. **7.30** The Deniglers. **8.00** Absolute Genius Super Tech with Dick & Dom. **8.30** Natural Born Winners. (R) **9.30** Astronauts: Do You Have What It Takes? (R) **10.30** Simply Nigella. (R) **11.00** Hairy Bikers' Best of British. (R) **11.45** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **12.45** Wanted Down Under. (R) **1.30** The World According to Kids. (R) **2.30** Second Chance Summer: Tuscany. (R) **3.30** Demolition: The Wrecking Crew. (R) **4.30** Choose the Right Puppy for You. (R) **5.30** The River Wye with Will Millard.

6.00 **Grammar Schools: Who Will Get In?** Students face their mock GCSEs, while the head teachers of Erith and Tonbridge announce a plan to bring both schools into the same trust. Last in the series. (R)

7.00 **Dad's Army.** Private Pike receives his call-up papers and unexpectedly passes his medical, much to the horror of his mollycoddling mother. (R)

7.30 **Film: Earth: One Amazing Day.** (2017) Premiere. Feature-length wildlife documentary from the same team the made David Attenborough's award-winning Planet Earth and Blue Planet documentaries, charting the story of life on Earth over the course of a single day. The film introduces viewers to a cast of characters including a baby zebra desperate to cross a swollen river, a penguin heroically undertaking a death-defying daily commute to feed its family, a family of sperm whales that like to snooze vertically and a sloth on the lookout for love. Narrated by Robert Redford.

9.00 **Royal Academy Summer Exhibition 2018.** Kirsty Wark and Jayson Mansaray follow preparations for the annual art exhibition, meeting this year's curator Grayson Perry and some of the celebrities who have submitted work.

10.00 **All Girls Live at the Apollo.** Leading performers on the stand-up circuit share their light-hearted views on modern life in this show recorded before a packed house at London's Hammersmith Apollo.

10.45 Later Weekend with Jools Holland.

11.45 Film: The Help. (2011)

2.05 Civilisations on Your Doorstep. (R) **3.05** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

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6.00 ITV News: Weather.

6.15 Regional Programme: Weather.

6.25 **Take Me Out.** Men try to impress 30 single women and win a date – but must get the female participants to keep their lights on as a sign of approval. Paddy McGuinness presents. (R)

7.30 **FIFA World Cup 2018.** Croatia v Nigeria (Kick-off 8.00pm). Coverage of the match at the Kaliningrad Stadium in Russia, where the teams play their opening Group D contest. This will be the fifth World Cup the Croats have participated in, and they will hope to improve on their three most recent tournaments, all of which saw them lose their opening contest, before crashing out at the group stage. The one time they did win their first fixture was during their debut at France 98, when they registered a 3-1 win over Jamaica and qualified second in their group, and eventually finished third after beating the Netherlands in the third-place play-off. The Super Eagles have also got off to a slow start in their three most recent World Cup appearances, losing to Argentina in 2002 and 2010, while drawing 0-0 with Iran four years ago in Brazil, and a fast start could be imperative to their prospects of reaching the knockout stage given they will next face an unknown quantity in Iceland, before re-acquainting themselves with old foes Argentina.

10.15 ITV News: Weather.

10.35 Film: Rocky II. (1979) Drama sequel, with Sylvester Stallone, Talia Shire and Carl Weathers.

12.50 Jackpot247. **3.00** Mr Selfridge. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.05 Mobil 1: The Grid. **6.35** Triathlon: Blenheim Palace. **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.20** Frasier. (R) **8.45** Frasier. (R) **9.15** Frasier. (R) **9.45** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.10** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.40** The Simpsons. (R) **11.10** The Simpsons. (R) **11.40** Come Dine with Me. (R) **12.40** Four in a Bed. (R) **1.15** Four in a Bed. (R) **1.45** Four in a Bed. (R) **2.20** Four in a Bed. (R) **2.50** Four in a Bed. (R) **3.20** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. (R) **4.25** Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It. (R) **5.30** Channel 4 News.

6.00 **Film: Snow White & the Huntsman.** (2012) An evil queen learns that her reign will last for ever if she kills a princess, so sends a renowned warrior to find and murder her. However, he comes to realise his mistress's evil ways, and instead trains his intended victim to fight so they can bring the tyrant's rule to an end. Fantasy adventure, with Kristen Stewart, Chris Hemsworth and Charlize Theron.

8.20 **Live International Rugby Union.** Argentina v Wales (Kick-off 8.40pm). Lee McKenzie presents coverage of the international fixture, staged at the Estadio Brigadier Lopez in Santa Fe. Warren Gatland and his squad will want to finish the international season on a high by clinching a morale-boosting win against the Pumas, 15 months out from the next World Cup. With analysis from Shane Williams, Ugo Monye and Ryan Jones, and commentary by Eddie Butler and Martyn Williams.

10.55 **Film: A Million Ways to Die in the West.** (2014) A timid farmer tries to become a gunslinging Wild West hero to impress a mysterious woman. Western spoof, directed by and starring Seth MacFarlane, with Charlize Theron.

1.05 Ramsay's Hotel Hell. Part two of two. Gordon Ramsay uncovers more problems at the Juniper Hill Inn. (R) **1.55** Hollyoaks: Omnibus. James wants to make sure Harry is back on the straight and narrow, and Sami gives Kyle the wrong idea, while Cindy employs her experiences to help Alfie. (R) **4.05** My Kitchen Rules. A group have to make canapes for 40 guests. (R) **5.00** Jamie's Comfort Food. Jamie Oliver prepares osobuco with a twist. (R) **6.10** Cheap Cheap Cheap. Kelly shows off her gymnastic skills. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.10** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.45** The Gadget Show. (R) **11.40** Funniest Dogs Behaving Badly. (R) **12.25** Funniest Ever Toddler Tantrums. (R) **1.25** Nightmare Tenants. Slum Landlords. (R) **2.20** Nightmare Tenants. Slum Landlords. (R) **3.15** Can't Pay Special: Big Family Bust Up. (R) **4.15** Can't Pay Special: Secrets and Lies. (R) **5.15** 5 News Weekend. **5.20** Chuckle Time.

6.10 **The Wonderful World of Puppies.** New series. The first few months of a dog's life, following different breeds as they take the first steps on their own unique developmental journey.

7.00 **Cricket on 5.** England v Australia. Highlights of the second one-day international in the five-match series, which took place at Sophia Gardens in Cardiff.

7.40 **Before They Were Stars.** New series. A trek back through the TV archive to uncover embarrassing early brushes with fame endured by some of today's biggest stars. Among those skewered are pop stars, rock legends, silver-screen icons, celebrated comedians and sporting heroes.

8.40 **Blind Date.** New series. Paul O'Grady hosts a revival of the dating show in which contestants must choose between three unseen suitors.

9.35 **20 Moments That Rocked Talent Shows.** A journey through the instances that rocked the genre and the fall-out that followed. Included is the occasion Will Young triumphed over Simon Cowell's favourite Gareth Gates on Pop Idol and the discovery of Cheryl Fernandez-Versini via Pop Stars: The Rivals. Plus, the memorable time Susan Boyle stepped out to sing I Dreamed a Dream on Britain's Got Talent and the tragic tale of Lena Zavaroni, the former child star winner of Opportunity Knocks. Contributors include Louis Walsh, Pete Waterman and Nina Myskow. (R)

11.05 **Greatest Ever Celebrity Wind Ups.** Joe Pasquale revisits hilarious celebrity pranks, with first-hand accounts from the people responsible for staging the tricks, and the unfortunate stars on the receiving end. (R)

12.00 SportCasino. **3.10** Film: The Green Hornet. (2011) **5.00** Access. **5.10** Divine Designs. (R)

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BBC Four

7.00 The Burrowers: Animals Underground **8.00** Darcy Bussell's Looking for Audrey **9.00** Bidden **10.00** The League of Gentlemen **11.00** Top of the Pops: 1985 **11.30** Killing Me Softly: The Roberta Flack Story **12.30** Natural World: The Woman Who Swims with Killer Whales **1.30** Patagonia: Earth's Secret Paradise **2.30** Darcy Bussell's Looking for Audrey **3.30** Close

ITV2

12.25 Ninja Warrior UK **1.30** Film: The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas (2000) **2.35** FYI Daily **2.40** Film: The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas (2000) **3.15** Film: The Smurfs (2011) **4.15** FYI Daily **4.20** Film: The Smurfs (2011) **5.20** Film: Hotel Transylvania (2012) **6.25** FYI Daily **6.30** Film: Hotel Transylvania (2012) **7.05** Film: Legally Blonde (2001) **8.05** FYI Daily **8.10** Film: Legally Blonde (2001) **9.00** Love Island: The Weekly Hot List **10.05** Celebrity Juice **10.55** Family Guy **12.20** American Dad! **1.15** Through the Keyhole **2.15** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.40** Teleshopping **5.40** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

7.00 Midsomer Murders **9.00** Endeavour **11.00** Vera **1.05** Murder, She Wrote **2.00** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4

11.30 British Touring Car Championship Highlights **1.00** Prawn Stars **1.30** ITV Racing: Live from York. Coverage of today's races. **4.00** Film: Kharthoum (1966) **5.05** FYI Daily **5.10** Film: Kharthoum (1966) **6.40** World Cup Rivalries: Brazil v Italy **7.00** The Chase: Celebrity Special **8.00** Cycling: Women's Tour Highlights **9.00** Film: Lethal Weapon (1987) **10.05** FYI Daily **10.10** Film: Lethal Weapon (1987) **11.15** Film: Memphis Belle (1990) **12.15** FYI Daily **12.20** Film: Memphis Belle (1990) **1.25** BRDC Formula 3 Highlights **2.30** The Protectors **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

11.50 Young Sheldon **12.20** The Big Bang Theory **6.20** Film: Hulk (2003) **9.00** Film: Bad Teacher (2011) **10.50** Gogglebox **1.00** Tattoo Fixers **2.05** Rude Tube **3.05** Gogglebox **4.00** Rude Tube **4.25** Rude(ish) Tube

Film4

11.00 Rugrats Go Wild (2003) **1.00** Hotel for Dogs (2009) **3.00** Carry On Teacher (1986) **4.40** Crocodile Dundee II (1988) **6.50** Romancing the Stone (1984) **9.00** A Good Day to Die Hard (2013) **10.55** Predator 2 (1990) **1.05** Sorcerer (1977) **3.35** Close

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CHOICE



Gareth Southgate

Managing England: The Impossible Job (BBC2, 9pm)
A look at the history of the role of England football manager, featuring interviews with current boss Gareth Southgate and former incumbents Sven Goran-Eriksson, Roy Hodgson and Sam Allardyce. Past players such as Gary Lineker, Alan Shearer and Rio Ferdinand also contribute as the programme looks at why it is such a difficult job and how the nation's trophy drought in the sport can be ended.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Regional Programme. **12.15** BBC News: Weather. **12.30** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.10** Escape to the Country. **1.40** Points of View. **1.55** Songs of Praise. **2.30** Britain's Best Home Cook. (R) **3.30** MOTD Live: FIFA World Cup 2018. Germany v Mexico (Kick-off 4.00pm). Gary Lineker presents coverage of the opening Group F fixture, which takes place at Luzhniki Stadium in Moscow. **6.10** **A Question of Sport.** With double Olympic gold medal-winning swimmer Rebecca Adlington, world snooker champion Mark Selby, England cricketer Samit Patel and Great Britain 400m hurdler Dai Greene. (R) **6.40** **BBC News.** **6.50** **Regional Programme.** **7.00** **Countryfile.** Sean Fletcher, Margherita Taylor and Steve Brown present the show from Northern Ireland, sailing a traditionally made clinker boat down Lower Lough Erne, reporting on the rising numbers of pine martens and marking the 200th anniversary of hymn writer Cecil Frances Alexander's birth. Plus, Tom Heap talks to James Dyson about his ideas for the future of British farming and John Craven, Cerys Matthews and Simon King launch this year's photographic competition. **8.00** **Antiques Roadshow.** Fiona Bruce presents the show from Newcastle's Civic Centre, where artefacts brought in to be valued include an impressive crossbow and a collection of plans for RMS Mauretania. **9.00** **Poldark.** The Enysen announce they are having a baby, while Hugh's failing health threatens his chances of standing for election and puts more pressure on the Poldarks' failing marriage. **10.00** **BBC News.** **10.20** **Regional Programme.** **10.30** **MOTD: FIFA World Cup 2018 Highlights.** Action from the latest group matches. **11.20** **The World Cup: Hopes of a Nation.** A look at England's star players in World Cups from 1982 through to the present day. (R) **11.55** **MOTD: FIFA World Cup 2018 Replay.** **1.35** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.40** BBC News.

BBC2

6.15 Coast. (R) **6.45** Glorious Gardens from Above. (R) **7.30** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.30** Countryfile. (R) **9.25** The Beechgrove Garden. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** Spring Kitchen with Tom Kerridge. (R) **12.10** **Film:** Carmen Jones. (1954) **1.55** **Film:** The Odd Life of Timothy Green. (2012) Fantasy, starring Jennifer Garner. **3.30** Money for Nothing. (R) **4.15** Flog It! (R) **5.00** Hairy Bikers' Best of British. (R) **6.00** **Dragons' Den.** Jenny Campbell, Peter Jones, Touker Suleyman, Deborah Meaden and Tej Lalvani assess the profit-making potential of a young entrepreneur's plan for selling advertising space on the move, a teacher's unusual scheme for improving children's handwriting, and a range of chain-tensioning products for motorcycles. (R) **7.00** **Million Pound Menu.** A husband and wife want to bring bubble-and-squeak to the masses and a former cookery school teacher has a dream of opening his own restaurant. But both need investment. (R) **8.00** **Expedition Volcano.** Part one of two. Documentary following scientists studying volcanoes in the Congo, beginning with Nyiragongo, which has erupted twice in the last 50 years. (R) **9.00** **Managing England: The Impossible Job.** A look at the history of the role of England football manager, featuring interviews with current boss Gareth Southgate and former incumbents including Sven Goran-Eriksson. **10.00** **Atlanta.** Earn accompanies Van to an up-market Juneteenth soiree, where the pair pose as man and wife in an effort to help Van secure some vital networking contacts. **10.25** **Atlanta.** Earn's jacket goes missing after a house party. Determined to track it down, he re-traces his steps, and manages to tie up a few loose ends in the process. **10.50** **Film: Begin Again.** (2013) A disgraced record executive begins a life-changing collaboration with a singer he meets in New York's East Village. Comedy drama, with Keira Knightley and Mark Ruffalo. **12.30** Sign Zone: Question Time. (R) **1.30** Holby City. (R) **2.30** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

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CHANNEL 4

6.05 The King of Queens. (R) **6.30** Motorsport: GT Silverstone. **7.30** Eat the Week. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** Bake Off: The Professionals. (R) **1.30** The Simpsons. (R) **1.55** The Simpsons. (R) **2.25** **Film:** Mirror Mirror. (2012) Fantasy, starring Julia Roberts. **4.30** Location, Location, Location. (R) **5.35** Bang on Budget. **6.30** **Channel 4 News.** **7.00** **Escape to the Chateau.** Series following a British family restoring a French chateau. As summer arrives, Dick Strawbridge and Angel Adoree are busier than ever with seven weddings and 14 food lovers' weekends to prepare for. And as if that wasn't enough to keep them busy, they must also sort out the garden. (R) **8.00** **Bake Off: The Professionals.** Liam Charles and Tom Allen host the next stage of the patisserie contest, in which the three best teams from both sets of heats are brought together, facing new rivals and yet more demanding challenges as they strive to impress judges Cherish Finden and Benoit Blin. For their first task, the six teams must each prepare 24 classic croissants and 24 Viennoiserie in just four hours. The second challenge involves preparing a romantic sugar showpiece, which must incorporate two types of confectionery. **9.00** **The Handmaid's Tale.** Offred goes into a downward spiral as a Gilead ceremony disrupts her relationship with Nick. Janine tries to adjust to life in the Colonies, jeopardizing her friendship with Emily. **10.05** **The Swingers.** The first episode of the second series of the Dutch drama exploring the dark side of suburbia. Steef is in jail following a confrontation, but does not plan on staying there. The full series is available online. **10.55** **8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown.** Sean Lock teams up with Andrew Flintoff to compete against guest captain Bill Bailey and team-mate Roisin Conaty in the comedy panel quiz show mash-up. Presented by Jimmy Carr. (R) **12.00** **Film:** All Is Lost. (2013) **1.50** The Secret Life of the Zoo. (R) **2.45** Mobil 1: The Grid. (R) **3.10** Gillette World Sport. **3.40** My Kitchen Rules. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Little Princess. **6.10** Wissper. (R) **6.20** Poppy Cat. (R) **6.30** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **6.35** The Secret Life of Puppies. (R) **6.40** Moly. (R) **6.45** Simon. (R) **6.50** Only the Little White Van. (R) **7.00** Peppa Pig. (R) **7.05** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.15** Thomas & Friends. (R) **7.35** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.50** Rusty Rivets. (R) **8.05** Paw Patrol. (R) **8.20** Nella the Princess Knight. (R) **8.35** Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) **8.55** Floogals. (R) **9.05** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.20** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.40** Digby Dragon. (R) **9.55** Peppa Pig. (R) **10.00** Peppa Pig. (R) **10.10** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.45** Britain's Greatest Bridges. (R) **10.55** Police Interceptors. (R) **11.45** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.45** Funniest Cutest Kittens Ever. (R) **1.45** **Film:** One Chance. (2013) Fact-based comedy drama, starring James Corden. **2.45** Access. **2.50** **Film:** One Chance. (2013) Concluded. **3.50** **Film:** Walking on Sunshine. (2014) Musical comedy, starring Hannah Arterton. **4.50** Access. **4.55** **Film:** Walking on Sunshine. (2014) Concluded. **5.40** 5 News Weekend. **5.45** Britain's Favourite Abba Songs. (R) **7.00** **Abba: When All Is Said and Done.** Docudrama telling the stories of singers Agnetha Faltskog and Anni-Frid Lyngstad, told through the words both of those in Abba's close circle and of the women themselves. Agnetha Faltskog was the band's blonde sweetheart, but privately she was very different and found fame difficult to cope with and ended up in court battling a stalker that she had let into her life, while Anni-Frid enjoyed the limelight, but her rags-to-riches story is one of immense loss and tragedy. (R) **9.00** **The Mamma Mia Story.** The enduring appeal of the hit stage and movie musical set to the songs of Abba, with contributions from writer Catherine Jenkins, celebrity fans and cast members. **10.25** **Abba: Live in Concert.** The Swedish band in concert during their six-night residence at London's Wembley Arena in November 1979, featuring hits including Voulez-Vous, Dancing Queen and Waterloo. (R) **11.30** **Eurovision's Greatest Hits.** A countdown of the most memorable tracks from past song contests. (R) **12.25** Lip Sync Battle UK: Peter Andre vs Gino D'Acampo. (R) **12.55** SuperCasino. **3.10** Dale Winton's Florida Fly Drive. (R)

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BBC Four
7.00 **Film:** The Eagle Huntress (2016) **8.20** Victoria Wood: Seen on TV **9.50** Julius Caesar **11.45** Can Science Make Me Perfect? with Alice Roberts **1.15** Timewatch: Young Victoria **2.05** On Do Shut Up Dear! Mary Beard on the Public Voice of Women **3.05** Close
ITV2
12.40 Take Me Out **1.50** You've Been Framed! Gold **2.55** **Film:** Casper (1995) **3.55** FYI Daily **4.00** **Film:** Casper (1995) **4.50** **Film:** The Smurfs 2 (2013) **5.50** FYI Daily **5.55** **Film:** The Smurfs 2 (2013) **6.55** **Film:** Step Up 2: The Streets (2008) **7.55** FYI Daily **8.00** **Film:** Step Up 2: The Streets (2008) **9.00** Love Island **10.00** Love Island: AfterSun **11.05** Family Guy **12.35** American Dad! **1.30** Totally Bunkers Guinness World Records **2.15** Teleshopping **5.45** **ITV2** Nightscreen
ITV3
12.55 Agatha Christie's Marple **5.00** Vera **9.00** Unforgotten **11.00** Wire in the Blood **1.00** Blue Murder **2.20** Liverpool 1 **3.20** Road to Avonlea **5.05** Judge Judy **5.30** **ITV3** Nightscreen
ITV4
11.15 The Professionals **12.20** The Sweeney **1.25** Pawn Stars **2.50** **Film:** Khartoum (1966) **3.55** FYI Daily **4.00** **Film:** Khartoum (1966) **5.30** World Rugby U20 Championship Live. Coverage of the final (Kick-off 6.00pm). **8.15** Sporting Funnies **8.30** River Monsters **9.00** Cycling: Women's Tour Highlights **10.00** **Film:** Source Code (2011) **11.05** FYI Daily **11.10** **Film:** Source Code (2011) **11.55** **Film:** The Ghost (2010) **12.55** FYI Daily **1.00** **Film:** The Ghost (2010) **2.35** World Cup Rivalries: Brazil v Italy **2.50** **ITV4** Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping
E4
11.00 The Goldbergs **1.30** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **1.30** Young Sheldon **2.00** The Big Bang Theory: Father's Day **6.00** **Film:** Cheaper By the Dozen (2003) **8.00** The Crystal Maze: Celebrity Special **9.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **10.00** Gogglebox **11.00** Gogglebox Australia **12.05** The Big Bang Theory **1.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **2.00** Gogglebox Australia **2.55** Rude Tube **3.25** Hollyoaks
Film4
11.00 Napoleon Dynamite (2004) **1.00** Shark Tale (2004) **2.45** Rio 2 (2014) **4.45** Field of Dreams (1989) **6.50** The Jewel of the Nile (1985) **9.00** Triple 9 (2016) **11.15** Welcome to the Punch (2013) **1.10** Les Combattants (2014) **3.10** Close

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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY
Deadline for Death: Your Parents Will Die, Channel 5, 3.20pm
 A newlywed couple of private detectives are forced to prove their crimebusting prowess when their parents are taken hostage by a vengeful kidnapper who claims his brother was wrongly convicted of murder. Mystery drama, starring Rachel Blanchard and Cameron Mathison. (2014)

TUESDAY
Unwanted Guest, Channel 5, 3.20pm
 With nowhere to go for winter break, Amy is invited to spend time with her friend Christine's family. What begins as a nice bonding experience soon turns into a nightmare as Amy begins to lash out at her welcoming hosts. Thriller, starring Kate Mansi and Valentina Novakovic. (2016)

WEDNESDAY
Her Son's Deadly Secret, Channel 5, 3.15pm
 Thirteen years after disappearing, presumed drowned, a man returns home to his mother, but questions remain about his intentions. Thriller, starring Olivia d'Abo and Tammy Blanchard. (2018)



Sexy Beast, Friday, Channel 4, 12.10am

THURSDAY
Deadly Vows, Channel 5, 3.15pm
 A woman becomes suspicious of her brother's fiancée, a pastry chef who poisons men who do not meet her high standards. Crime drama, starring Brittany Underwood and Cameron Jebo. (1900)

FRIDAY
Mad Max, ITV, 11.45pm
 A cop in the near future sets out to avenge his family's murder at the hands of a biker gang. Action thriller, starring Mel Gibson and Joanne Samuel. (1979)

Sexy Beast, Channel 4, 12.10am
 A retired safe-breaker enjoying the high life in Spain becomes the target of unwanted attention when his psychotic former gangland boss comes looking to enlist his help and expertise for a major bank robbery in London. Crime thriller, starring Ray Winstone, Ben Kingsley, Ian McShane and Amanda Redman. (2000)

Will the Three Lions be ready to roar in Russia?

A few England supporters will have fond memories of Alf Ramsey's side's famous triumph in 1966, but most others will only remember the agonising losses to Germany, Argentina, Portugal and Brazil.

Indeed, disappointments on the biggest stage have haunted the English national team for years – even more so recently.

At the 2014 World Cup, the Three Lions didn't even escape the group stage and at Euro 2016 they were eliminated in the last 16 by Iceland in an enormous upset.

But whether they like to admit it or not, most England fans are filled with at least a tiny bit of optimism believing that they can win the World Cup again.

Gary Cahill, Ashley Young and Jamie Vardy are the only players in the squad over 30 years old, and England have a fresher, younger look with a new manager.

Okay, at the back, there is inexperience that could be costly at this level, so a lot could hinge of the

relatively old heads of Cahill, Kyle Walker, Ashley Young and Phil Jones.

However, boss Gareth Southgate is blessed with youthful talent up front, and Harry Kane, Raheem Sterling and Marcus Rashford are all capable of leading the line, while midfielders Dele Alli, Jesse Lingard, Jordan Henderson and Eric Dier are adept at providing the ammunition.

The first side in captain Kane and co's sights at the Volgograd Arena today are Group G rivals Tunisia.

The Eagles of Carthage are Africa's highest-ranked team, but come into the World Cup as a bit of a wildcard after qualifying for the first time in 12 years.

Nabil Maâloul's men's won their qualifying group without losing a match and only conceded four goals in six matches.

In this, their fifth World Cup, they are attempting to finally get out of the group stage, but they have to do it without their best player, Youssef Msakni, who has a knee injury.

Instead, Tunisia will rely heavily on striker Saber Khalifa and attacking midfielder Wahbi Khazri, who has had an outstanding club season after being loaned from Sunderland to French side Rennes.

Coming up against England and Belgium in their first two matches could be brutal for the Tunisians, but if they can salvage a point in one of those contests, a spot in the Round of 16 could be within reach by the time they face Panama.

You may recall England and Tunisia met at the same stage in 1996, with England running out comfortable 2-0 winners in Marseille thanks to goals from Alan Shearer and Paul Scholes.

They will also begin as favourites this evening, although their opponents will be no pushovers, and as with every campaign, one thing is almost guaranteed – there'll be drama aplenty.

So if you're an England fan, prepare to have your nerves shattered and nails bitten down to the wick.



MOTD Live: FIFA World Cup 2018, Monday, BBC1, 6.15pm

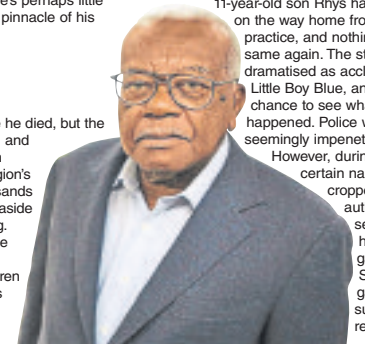
BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
The Family Farm BBC2, 8pm
 The first of a new four-part series is right up Kate Humble's street. The veteran of many impressive series, including Wild Shepherdess, and Back to the Land, presents the show in which three families agree to work on a North Wales hill farm, living in a purpose-built yurt village in the shadow of Snowdonia. And if that sounds like a lot of hard work, then you'd be right. Hill farming is exhausting enough on the best of days, but when the weather is not so kind, it will push the brave participants to their limits. Episode one focuses on working with sheep, which must be gathered, sheared and sold at market. If nothing else the series will ensure viewers spare a thought for those who have to do this every day without cameras rolling.

TUESDAY
Trevor McDonald: Return to South Africa ITV, 9pm
 It's more than three decades since the host first witnessed the horrors of apartheid in South Africa. Now, to mark what would have been Nelson Mandela's 100th birthday, Trevor McDonald has returned to visit places where he saw moments that would change the history of a country. The veteran

presenter was the first journalist to interview Mandela after his release from prison. He visits Vilekazi Street, the site of the African National Congress veteran's family home, and the place where he conducted the first interview with the political leader following his release from prison after 27 years incarceration. There's perhaps little wonder Trevor considers this the pinnacle of his journalistic career.

WEDNESDAY
Mad About Elvis BBC1, 7.30pm
 It's more than four decades since he died, but the spirit of Elvis Presley is alive, well and partying hard in Porthcawl, South Wales. This film examines the region's annual Elvis Festival, when thousands of fans descend on the Welsh seaside town for a celebration of The King. Among the devotees that pack the promenade, pubs and seafront Pavilion, are Festival Opener Darren Graceland Jones, a full-time Elvis tribute artist, whose bread and butter is performing as Elvis to dementia sufferers in care homes.



Trevor McDonald: Return to South Africa, Tuesday, ITV, 9pm

THURSDAY
The Murder of Rhys Jones: Police Tapes ITV, 9pm
 It should have been just another Wednesday night in 2007 as Liverpool mum Melanie Jones carried out a spot of wallpapering. Then she discovered her 11-year-old son Rhys had been shot while on the way home from football practice, and nothing was ever the same again. The story was dramatised as acclaimed TV drama Little Boy Blue, and now there's a chance to see what really happened. Police were left with a seemingly impenetrable case. However, during investigations, certain names repeatedly cropped up, so the authorities planted secret bugs in the homes of these gang members. Susanna Reid gains access to the subsequent recordings, where those responsible

admit their part and the lengths they would go to cover up the crime. Rhys's parents, Mel and Steve, also discuss the impact of this shocking crime.

FRIDAY
Cruising with Jane McDonald Channel 5, 9pm
 It's not a bad life being the star of this show. After all, not only does she get paid to travel the world, but with a Bafta under her belt, there's little chance of producers pulling the plug for a good year or more. In the first of a two-parter, she's exploring South America aboard a luxury ship. Beginning in Valparaiso, Jane enjoys a street art tour, before travelling south along the Chilean coast. A few days later she oohs and aahs over a glacier on Laguna San Rafael, and partakes in the traditional drinking of whisky on ice directly from the glacier. In deepest Patagonia, she stops off in Punta Arenas, and then once back on board the ship, Jane enjoys a tour of the bridge with the captain as they head for the Falklands.

The Bridge BBC2, 9pm
 Pressure mounts to release Tommy's uncooperative mother. A private detective hired by Niels Thormod goes missing. In Danish and Swedish.

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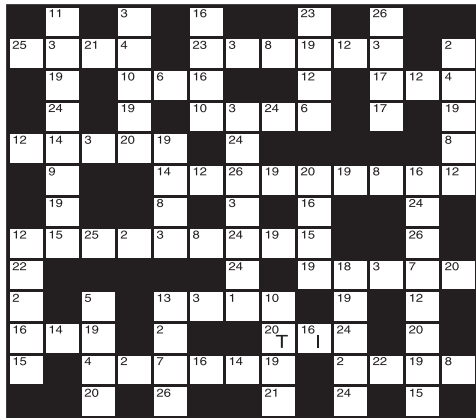
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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
B	Y	O	P	D	I	R	H	Z	F	G	L	T
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
M	C	U	E	A	X	K	J	S	N	V	W	Q

Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

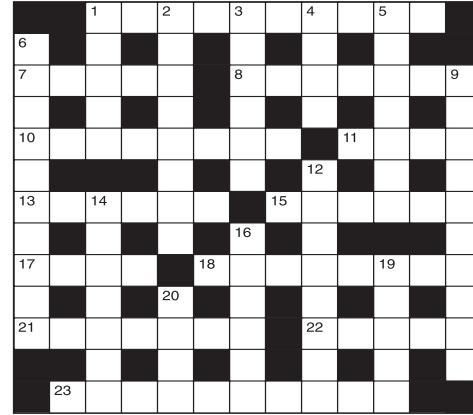
Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Escort me to new set-up to settle (4,2,4)
7. Correctly adjust a rank, we hear (5)
8. Change of raiment for part of the mosque (7)
- 10 & 3Dn. Become incensed and fail to process the steel properly? (4,4,6)
11. 22 Across is backing the favourites (4)
13. Mother to make inquiries for fine material (6)
15. Irritates one with chest disorder (6)
17. Few disturbed about one mate (4)
18. Tutor can become a renegade (8)
21. A blazer put on at Christmas time (4-3)
22. A certain speed without delay (5)
23. Friday dragging on infinitely without company! (10)

Down

1. Money required for company in the south (5)
2. My French bird is a snake destroyer (8)
3. See 10 Across.
4. It comes from a caller in Germany (4)
5. Extend a sentence (7)
6. Telephoned on holiday - received message to depart (6,4)
9. He should put the right letters in his case (4-6)
12. One's gate could date back a long way (5,3)
14. Neckwear that will deaden the sound (7)
16. Softly encouraged to be refined (6)
19. Jewels appeal to friends (5)
20. Most of the Navy escape (4)



Quick Clues:

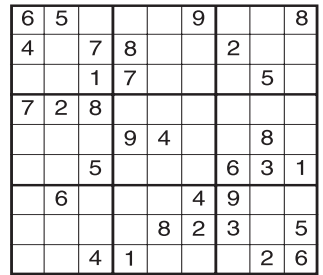
Across

1. Amazing (10)
7. Map (5)
8. Touch (7)
10. Eternally (8)
11. Couple (4)
13. Threefold (6)
15. Picture-house (6)
17. Absent (4)
18. Answer (8)
21. Investigate (7)
22. Debate (5)
23. Tenacious (10)

Down

1. Musty (5)
2. Inopportune (8)
3. Accompany (6)
4. Completed (4)
5. Ignorant (7)
6. Emphasise (10)
9. Menaced (10)
12. Supplant (8)
14. Pattern (7)
16. Alcove (6)
19. Darkness (5)
20. Fling (4)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid above so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

2	6	7	9	5	4	1	3	8
4	3	5	6	8	1	9	2	7
8	1	9	3	7	2	6	5	4
5	2	8	7	3	6	4	9	1
9	7	3	1	4	5	8	6	2
6	4	1	2	9	8	5	7	3
1	5	6	4	2	3	7	8	9
3	9	4	8	6	7	2	1	5
7	8	2	5	1	9	3	4	6

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
 CRYPTIC - Across: 6 Starter; 7 Every; 9 End; 10 Appearing; 12 Sports model; 15 Star studded; 17 Vacillate; 19 Lie; 21 Began; 22 Binding. Down: 1 Stand; 2 Urn; 3 Keep; 4 Overpower; 5 Drinker; 8 Leased; 11 Appraisal; 13 Rattle; 14 Steamer; 16 Lions; 18 Trip; 20 Odd.
 QUICK - Across: 6 Legally; 7 Civil; 9 Wry; 10 Resultant; 12 Possibility; 15 Downhearted; 17 Stolidity; 19 Vow; 21 Boasted; 22 Leading. Down: 1 Learn; 2 Way; 3 Glee; 4 Distiller; 5 Dignity; 8 Number; 11 Countless; 13 Speedy; 14 Control; 16 Mount; 18 Teem; 20 Add.

Quiz

1. Which two of Wagner's opera titles are father and son?
2. At what Beaufort number does smoke rise vertically?
3. Of which element is charcoal a form?
4. What was 12-year-old Vicki van Meter the youngest female pilot to cross?
5. Who painted The Anatomy Lesson of Dr Tulp?
6. What was the British equivalent of

- America's Bureau of Consumer Protection?
7. Who was the second man on the moon?
8. With which medical disorder may one have Jacksonian seizures?
9. Which controversial TV playwright died in June 1994?
10. Of which country was Rafael Callejas elected president in 1989?

Last week's solutions:

- Quiz: 1 Orwell; 2 Dance; 3 Nicosia; 4 A zygote; 5 M/V Derbyshire; 6 Henry VIII; 7 Hastings; 8 Pierce Brosnan; 9 Mushroom; 10 Ionian.

Niner: LUBRICATE

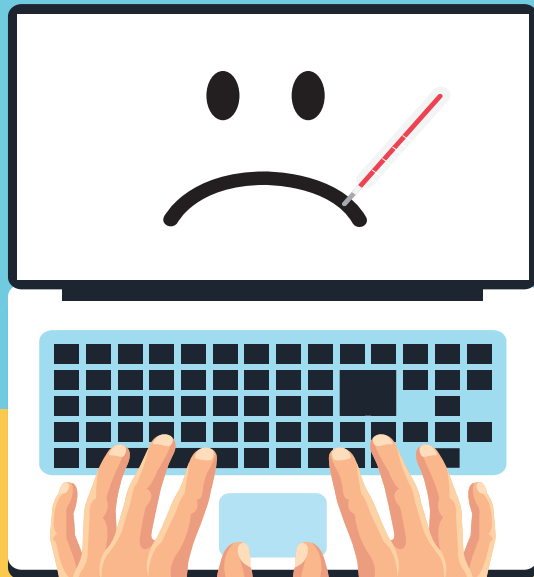
Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

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gives an Italian composer,
gives a Norwegian composer,
gives an American composer.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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RED AMBITION: Russia finished fourth in 1966, as Soviet Union, but Russian Federation team has yet to qualify from group stage

Performance by host

Group stage	2nd round	Quarter-final	Semi-final	Final	Winner
1	1982, 94, 2002	1934, 54, 2002, 88	1982, 90, 2002, 88, 14	1950, 58, 1974, 75, 88	1930, 34, 1950, 34, 1974, 75, 88

Winning Feeling: Victory for Germany would equal Brazil's five World Cup crowns and be first successive title win since 1962

Germany: 62.3% Win ratio: 67.3% Tournament wins: 70
 Italy: 54.3% 45
 Argentina: 54.5% 42
 Spain: 49.2% 29
 France: 47.5% 28
 Netherlands: 54.0% 27
 England: 41.8% 26

Top goalscorers: Poland's Robert Lewandowski (right) and Mohammed Al-Shehri of Saudi Arabia both scored 16 goals in qualifying matches

Competition schedule

32 teams contest total of 64 matches, played at 12 venues, over four weeks

FIFA rank at time of draw

1. Russia 2. France 3. Brazil 4. Argentina 5. Germany 6. Spain 7. Portugal 8. Belgium 9. Colombia 10. Mexico 11. Peru 12. Chile 13. Australia 14. Costa Rica 15. Serbia 16. Ecuador 17. Panama 18. Uruguay 19. Honduras 20. Iceland 21. Venezuela 22. Paraguay 23. Bolivia 24. Cuba 25. Haiti 26. Guatemala 27. El Salvador 28. Nicaragua 29. Jamaica 30. Trinidad & Tobago 31. Haiti 32. Cuba

Venues

- Saint Petersburg Stadium, 67,100
- Moscow: Luzhnik Stadium, 80,700
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- Yekaterinburg: Ekaterinburg Arena, 25,000
- Kazan: Kazan Arena, 45,000
- Samara: Samara Arena, 45,000
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June 30 C1 D2
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Semi-final

July 10 St Petersburg

FINAL

July 15 Moscow

Semi-final

July 11 Moscow

Quarter-finals

July 7
July 7
July 7
July 7

Second stage

July 1 B1 A2
July 1 D1 C2
July 3 F1 E2
July 3 H1 G2

ROLL CALL OF CHAMPIONS

Year	Champion	Runner-up	Host nation
1930	Uruguay	Argentina	Uruguay
1934	Italy	Czechoslovakia	Italy
1938	Italy	Hungary	France
1950	Uruguay	Brazil	Brazil
1954	West Germany	Hungary	Switzerland
1958	Brazil	Sweden	Sweden
1962	Brazil	Czechoslovakia	Chile
1966	England	West Germany	England
1970	Brazil	Italy	Mexico
1974	West Germany	Netherlands	West Germany

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Top two from each group progress to knockout stage

Group A

Rank	Team	W	D	L	Pts
1	France	3	0	0	9
2	Spain	2	1	0	7

Group B

Rank	Team	W	D	L	Pts
1	Spain	3	0	0	9
2	Italy	2	1	0	7

Group C

Rank	Team	W	D	L	Pts
1	Spain	3	0	0	9
2	Italy	2	1	0	7

Group D

Rank	Team	W	D	L	Pts
1	Spain	3	0	0	9
2	Italy	2	1	0	7

Group E

Rank	Team	W	D	L	Pts
1	Spain	3	0	0	9
2	Italy	2	1	0	7

Group F

Rank	Team	W	D	L	Pts
1	Spain	3	0	0	9
2	Italy	2	1	0	7

Group G

Rank	Team	W	D	L	Pts
1	Spain	3	0	0	9
2	Italy	2	1	0	7

Group H

Rank	Team	W	D	L	Pts
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2	Italy	2	1	0	7

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Stunning detached three-bed home on popular estate

This beautifully presented stunning three-bedroomed detached property in Newlands Lane, Heath Hayes, Cannock, lies on the ever popular Heath Hayes estate.

It is for sale through Jayman Estate Agents at £270,000. The property itself is situated within close proximity to all local schools including Gorsemoor and Five Ways primary schools, all local amenities and transport links.

The property in brief comprises an entrance hall, a lounge, a conservatory and an open plan kitchen/diner. To the first floor, the home has a large master bedroom with a dressing area and en-suite, two further bedrooms and a family bathroom.

In more detail, the lounge has a double glazed bow window to the front, gas feature fire and a double-glazed sliding door to the rear leading to the conservatory. The conservatory comes with double glazed windows to the rear and sides and a double glazed double door to the rear garden.

The dining area has a double glazed window to the front, a gas central heating radiator, wall lights and laminate flooring. The kitchen area has fitted wall and base units, roll top working surfaces, a breakfast bar and laminate flooring. There is space for an oven, plumbing for a washing machine, a double-glazed bow window to the front, a double glazed window to the rear, under stairs storage and a door to the rear garden.

Bedroom one has fitted wardrobes and a dressing area/en-suite with a shower cubicle.

The WC has a pedestal sink, vinyl flooring, a chrome heated towel rail, ceiling light and a double glazed window to the rear.

Outside, to the front, is a driveway with parking for two cars and a good sized front lawn. To the rear is a good sized, well maintained private rear garden. The garage has an up and over door, a window to the side, a ceiling light and electric points.

HEATH HAYES £270,000



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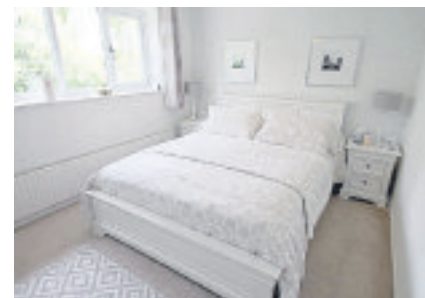
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KEY FEATURES

Detached property
Three bedrooms
Conservatory
Garage
Rear garden



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£285,000 <<<

Presented to show home standard throughout, this four-bedroom detached property in Stag Drive, Huntington, Cannock, is for sale through Webbbs Estate Agents at £285,000.

This is a stunning detached property close to local amenities and Cannock Chase.

In brief, its accommodation briefly comprises an entrance porch, a hallway, a spacious lounge, a dining room, a kitchen/diner, a P-shaped conservatory with double doors opening onto the landscaped rear garden. To the first floor the property has four bedrooms with bedroom one and two having en-suites, a family bathroom and galleried landing with a walk-in storage cupboard. Outside the property has a stunning landscaped rear garden.

Contact Webbbs Estate Agents on 01543 468846.



Detached home with landscaped gardens

ETCHINGHILL
£199,950

This three-bedroom detached property in Delafield Way, Etchinghill, is perfect for family life.

It is for sale through Chase Owl Estate Agents at £199,950.

It has an entrance hall with stairs off, a lounge with a wooden feature fire surround with an inset electric fire on a marble hearth, a highly attractive re-fitted breakfast kitchen with a range of solid oak wall and base-mounted units with work surfaces over.

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Detached barn conversion enjoys countryside views and has an immaculate modern interior

This stunning semi-detached barn conversion in Wolverhampton Road, Shreshill, called The Granary, is for sale through Paul Carr Estate Agents at £325,000.

This residence would make an ideal family home and an early viewing is highly recommended. This home has an immaculate, contemporary interior.

Having central heating and double glazing, the accommodation includes a welcoming entrance hall

SHARESHILL
£325,000

with a guest WC off, a spacious lounge/dining room with a log burner, a superb kitchen/family room with a range of wall and base units with granite work-surfaces over, an integrated dishwasher, log burner and a useful laundry room.

To the first floor there are three

bedrooms and a bathroom. Outside there is a low maintenance garden to the front with a paved seating area, off-road parking and a garage in a separate block.

In more detail there is ample off-road parking space to the front, thanks to a full width driveway, flanked by the stone slabbed patio seating area and a small lawn and shrub borders.

Contact Paul Carr Estate Agents on 01922 701001.



Six-bedroom family property benefits from being positioned in a fantastic plot and a walled garden

A stunning and spacious six-bedroomed three-storey family home with a delightful walled garden and orangery in Thistle Drive, Cannock, is for sale through Marwood Homes at £290,000.

Situated on a fantastic plot of this sought-after development, its accommodation briefly comprises a lounge, kitchen/diner, orangery, six bedrooms, two with en-suites, plus the family bathroom.

Externally the property has

CANNOCK
£290,000

landscaped gardens and a garage.

In more detail, the entrance hall has stairs off and a storage cupboard underneath. The guest WC is positioned to the rear. The lounge has French doors to the rear garden. The kitchen/diner has French doors to the garden, an integrated oven,

hob with an extractor hood over, integral dishwasher and ample appliance space. The orangery is a beautiful additional reception room with bi-fold doors to one side and windows to the other, ceiling spot lighting and a glass roof. On the first floor is a bathroom and bedrooms three, four and five. On the second floor is the master bedroom en-suite, bedroom two en-suite and bedroom six.

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- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, refitted kitchen/diner
- Three bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Enclosed rear garden
- Tandem garage
- Driveway
- EPC rating D

£209,950

HEDNESFORD
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- A spacious two bedroom semi detached
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, dining area
- Kitchen, two bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Gardens front and rear
- Garage
- Driveway
- Awaiting EPC rating

£149,950

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- A two bedroom semi detached house
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, refitted kitchen/diner
- Two good sized bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Garden to front
- Corner plot
- Enclosed rear garden
- Awaiting EPC rating

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MANOR AVENUE



- Spacious three bedroom detached
- Hallway, Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Utility room, cloakroom
- Three good sized bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Awaiting EPC rating

£242,000

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WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD



- Two bedroom Terraced
- Two Reception Rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Family bathroom
- Off road parking, gargee
- Town centre location
- Rear Garden
- EPC rating E

£135,000

CANNOCK
NEWHALL STREET



- A two bedroom property
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge and dining room
- Kitchen and guest cloakroom
- Two good sized bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Good sized rear garden
- EPC rating E

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CANNOCK
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- A two bedroom detached bungalow
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£135,000

SOLD



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this spacious mid terraced property offered with No Upward Chain. An ideal Investment/FTB property viewing is essential and accommodation briefly comprises: Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Three bedrooms, bathroom, front and rear gardens

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PRICE



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Langley Way, Hawksyard

£219,950

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● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this superbly presented four bedroom semi detached three storey home. The property is positioned on a corner with garage and parking to the side. Internally the master bedroom occupies the top floor with en suite and dressing area, three further bedrooms, master bathroom, lounge, dining

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BE
VIEWED



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STAR
BUY



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Waverley Gardens, Etching

£349,950

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BE
VIEWED



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NEW



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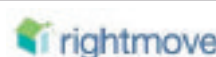
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BE
VIEWED



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Huntsmans Walk, Etching Hill £165,000



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St Michaels Road, Brereton £169,950



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this extended traditional mid terraced property with large garden to rear situated in a popular area of Brereton. The accommodation in brief comprises: Hallway, utility room, lounge with dining room off, extensive kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, large mature garden and plentiful off road parking to front

NEW



Somerset Avenue, Rugeley £186,950



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this spacious and well presented detached family home situated on a large impressive plot with private gardens and plentiful parking. Briefly comprising hallway, guest wc, lounge, kitchen/diner, study, three bedrooms and bathroom, viewing essential

STAR
BUY

Oakfield Close, Etching Hill £550,000



● JR Distinctive Homes are pleased to offer for sale this superb detached residence sat in a mature garden plot of approximately 1/3 of an acre. "Tanglewood" is positioned at the top of a private drive, being one of only seven properties and is located on the rural fringe of Cannock Chase. Internally the property comprises of hallway, two reception rooms, study, guest wc, breakfast kitchen and utility room, four bedrooms, three bathrooms and double garage with superb well maintained gardens,

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Deerleap Way, Rugeley £160,000



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SOLD

Holly Cottage, Colton £385,000



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SOLD

Mount Road, Etching Hill £299,950



JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this traditional semi detached house located on a prestigious road in Etching Hill with open aspect to the front elevation. The accommodation comprises in brief: Hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen with utility and guest wc, garden room, three bedrooms, refitted bathroom and attic space. Well maintained gardens and seating areas also feature with purpose built garden cabin with home office and large storage room

NEW



Sheringham Drive, Etching £175,000



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented detached home with No Upward Chain. Internal inspection is highly recommended and accommodation includes: Hallway, Lounge, Kitchen/ Diner, Conservatory, Three bedrooms and shower room, Front and Rear Gardens with driveway

NO
CHAIN

Buckmaster Way, Rugeley £186,000 OIEO



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PRICE

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21 Balmoral Drive, Hednesford	10.15am	10.15am
30 Old Fallow Road, Cannock	10.45am	10.45am
31 Old Penkridge Road, Cannock	11.15am	11.15am
20 Norton Green Lane, Norton Canes	11.45am	11.45am
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Well-presented family house is located in a popular area

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£525,000 <<<

A very well-presented and exceptionally spacious four-bedroomed detached family residence, Pendle House, 13 Sandy Lane, Cannock, is for sale through Flint & Co at £525,000.

It is ideally located in the popular and prestigious area of Shoal Hill.

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Four-bedroomed home is perfect for a family

HEATH HAYES
£795 PCM

This four-bedroomed detached ideal family home in Salisbury Drive, Heath Hayes, is available to rent through Keable Webb Lettings at £795 per calender month.

An ideal family property, in a modern and spacious design, it has good local schools and amenities close by, the property benefits from gas central heating and double glazing.

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Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS.

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NEW

ARDEN WALK HANDSACRE

Offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN is this ground floor purpose built flat in need of upgrade and refurbishment. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and Shower Room. Gardens to front. EPC rating C

£80,000



NEW

DAVY PLACE RUGELEY

Open to CASH BUYERS ONLY due to red-ash this good-sized family home is offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Kitchen, Downstairs Shower Room, First Floor Landing with Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear. EPC rating D

£85,000



The whole team would like to wish Max all the best for his operation this week. You are a special little boy and we can't wait to see you out and about with your Mummy and sister very soon



NEW

QUEEN STREET, RUGELEY

Offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN is this ground floor purpose built apartment ideally situated for the town centre. UPVC double-glazed and Electric Storage Heating. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen and Bedroom. Gardens and allocated parking to rear. EPC rating D.

£95,000



NEW

GLOVERS HILL COURT, BRERETON

Located in a purpose built development is this good sized two bedroomed apartment. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Communal Entrance, Reception Hall, Open plan Lounge/Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms and Bathroom. Allocated parking for two vehicles. Communal parking. EPC rating C

£105,000



NEW

SOLD
SUBJECT TO
CONTRACT

LANGLEY WAY HAWKSTARD

Located in a popular modern development. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Communal Entrance Hall, Entrance Hall, Open plan Lounge/Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. One allocated parking space and visitor parking. EPC rating C

£107,000



NEW

HOWELL MEWS RUGELEY

A second floor apartment in a purpose built modern development ideally located for local bus routes and offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Communal Entrance Hall, Second Floor Landing, Entrance Hall, Open plan Lounge/Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, En-suite Shower Room plus Bathroom. UPVC double-glazed, Electric Heating. Allocated Parking Space. EPC RATING - C

£115,000

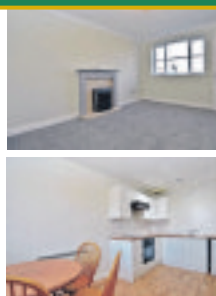


NEW
PRICE

FORGE ROAD, RUGELEY

A refurbished end townhouse being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Ideally located for the town centre and benefitting from electric storage heating. Entrance Hall, Lounge, refitted Dining Kitchen. First Floor Landing, Two Bedrooms and refitted Bathroom. Garden area to front. Communal parking to rear. EPC RATING - D

£117,995



SANDY LANE RUGELEY

Offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN is this good sized semi-detached property in need of modernisation. Gas Central Heating. Entrance Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen and Utility Room. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom. Gardens to Front and Rear. GARAGE and Driveway. EPC rating E

£120,000



NO
CHAIN

YEW TREE ROAD BRERETON

A semi detached two bedroomed property offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hall, Lounge/Diner, Kitchen. First Floor Landing, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garden to front and rear. EPC RATING - D

£122,500



NEW

LION STREET RUGELEY

A well presented mid-terraced property positioned within walking distance to the town centre. Offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Lounge, Sitting Room, Fitted Kitchen and Downstairs Bathroom. First Floor Landing with Two Bedrooms. Delightful enclosed garden to rear. UPVC double-glazed and Gas Centrally heated. EPC RATING - E

£125,000



ST PAULS ROAD, RUGELEY

A two bedroomed mid-town house benefitting from UPVC double-glazing and Gas central heating. Entrance Hall, Fitted Kitchen and Lounge. First Floor Landing, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garden to front with enclosed garden and off-road parking to rear. EPC RATING - D

£128,000



NEW

EATON DRIVE RUGELEY

Offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN and located in a popular location is this two bedroomed Coach House apartment. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Entrance Hall, Utility Room. Landing, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to front providing off-road parking. Garage storage area. EPC rating C

£134,950

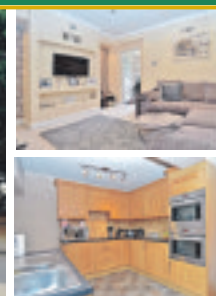


NEW

WHARF ROAD, RUGELEY

A surprisingly spacious end terraced property ideally situated for the town centre. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Lounge, Sitting Room, Fitted Kitchen, Utility Area and Downstairs WC. First Floor Landing with Two Bedrooms and large Bathroom. Garden to rear and off-road parking. EPC rating to follow

£140,000



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**MANOR RISE
BURNWOOD**

A refurbished and well presented family home benefitting from UPVC double-glazing and Gas central heating. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Inner Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Fitted Kitchen. First Floor Landing with Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Enclosed garden to rear. Garage in block. EPC rating C

£145,000

NEW PRICE



**RECTORY LANE
ARMITAGE**

Offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN is this refurbished end-terraced bungalow situated in popular village location. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Inner Hallway and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear. Driveway to rear. EPC rating D

£149,950

NO CHAIN



**GLEBE ROAD
HANDSACRE**

Offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN and positioned on a corner plot. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room and Kitchen. First Floor landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to Covered Carport and Gardens to front and rear. EPC rating D

£147,500

REOFFERED




**OLD SCHOOL MEWS
BRERETON**

An attractive mews property set on three-levels and ideally located for local amenities. Double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Entrance Hall, Lounge and Fitted Kitchen. First Floor Landing, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Second floor Landing with further Bedroom and WC. Communal Parking area. EPC rating C

£149,950


NO CHAIN



**GREENFIELDS DRIVE
RUGELEY**

A well presented two bedroom semi-detached bungalow within walking distance to local amenities offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas centrally heated and UPVC double-glazed throughout. Entrance Hall, Kitchen, Lounge/Diner, Two Bedrooms and Wet Room. Detached Garage. EPC rating D

£159,995



**GREENFIELDS DRIVE
RUGELEY**

Bungalow in popular location benefitting from UPVC double-glazing and Gas central heating. Entrance Porch, Hallway, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, and conservatory. Outside gardens to front and rear and SINGLE GARAGE. EPC rating D.

£169,950

NEW



**RICHARDSON WAY
RUGELEY**

A well presented, three-storey, modern end-terraced property benefitting from UPVC double-glazing and Gas central heating. Entrance Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Conservatory and Kitchen. First Floor Landing with Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Second Floor leading to Master Bedroom having an En-suite. Gardens to front and rear. Allocated Parking. EPC rating C

£172,000

REOFFERED



MEADOW LARK CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

A well presented and upgraded semi-detached bungalow offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Inner Hallway, Bedroom and Shower Room. Gardens to front and rear. SINGLE GARAGE. EPC rating D

£175,000



**THE LINDENS
RUGELEY**

Three-storey semi-detached property located in a popular cul-de-sac position. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Entrance Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Breakfast Kitchen. First Floor Landing with Lounge, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Second Floor Landing with Master Bedroom and En-suite Shower Room. INTEGRAL GARAGE with driveway and tiered gardens to rear. EPC

£177,950


NO CHAIN



**SANDY COURT
CANNOCK**

A spacious second-floor, purpose built apartment located in an exclusive development in a prime location. Set behind secured gated grounds the accommodation comprises of a Communal Entrance Hall, Reception Hall, Open Lounge/Kitchen, Two Bedrooms with master En-Suite and Bathroom. Communal Gardens and allocated parking with visitor parking to the development. EPC rating C

£185,000



**RECTORY LANE
ARMITAGE**

A three bedroomed link-detached property in popular village location. In need of upgrade the property benefits from UPVC double-glazing and Gas central heating. Entrance Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. SINGLE GARAGE with gardens to front and rear. EPC rating D

£190,000

NEW



UPPER LODGE ROAD, ARMITAGE

Viewing of this well presented and much improved family home is essential to appreciate the accommodation on offer. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Orangery and Fitted Kitchen. First Floor Landing with Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Off-road parking to front with enclosed garden area to rear. EPC rating C

£193,000

NEW



**ARMITAGE ROAD
RUGELEY**

A well presented modern three storey family home benefitting from a beautiful canal side location. Gas central heated and Double-Glazed. Through Hallway, Kitchen, Lounge/Diner and W.C. First Floor Landing with Two Bedrooms and Family Bathroom. Second Floor Landing with two Bedrooms and En-suite to Master. Two allocated parking spaces. EPC RATING - C

£209,950



**SHERINGHAM DRIVE
ETCHINGHAM**

A three bedroom detached situated with views over Cannock Chase to rear. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Entrance Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen. First Floor Landing with Three Bedrooms, En-suite Shower Room and Family Bathroom. INTEGRAL GARAGE. Driveway to front. Enclosed garden to rear. EPC rating C

£220,000

NEW



**BOOTHURST ROAD
HAWKESYARD**

Located in a popular location is this Four Bedroomed, Family home benefitting from UPVC double-glazing and Gas central heating. Entrance Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner. First Floor Landing, Four Bedrooms one having an En-suite, and Bathroom. Front garden and rear Gardens and SINGLE GARAGE. EPC rating C

£220,000



**OLD EATON ROAD
RUGELEY**

An extended family home benefitting from UPVC double-glazing and Gas central heating. Entrance Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen and Conservatory. First Floor Landing, Five Bedrooms and Bathroom. Off-road parking to front. SINGLE GARAGE. Good sized garden to rear. EPC rating C

£225,000

NEW



**INGATHORPE ROAD
HAWKESYARD**

A well presented three-storey, four bedroomed semi-detached UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Reception Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Kitchen. First Floor Landing with Three double Bedrooms and Family Bathroom. Second Floor Landing with Master Bedroom with En-suite. Gardens to front and rear. Single Garage. EPC rating B

£225,000

NEW



**RUNNING HILLS
ARMITAGE**

A lovely family home positioned in a popular village location. Viewing essential to appreciate the accommodation on offer. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Kitchen. First Floor Landing with Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Enclosed garden to rear. Off-road parking to front. EPC rating D

£230,000



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**BURNTHILL LANE
RUGELEY**

Offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN is this four bedroomed detached family home. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Utility Room and Downstairs Cloakroom. First Floor Landing with Four Bedrooms, Ensuite Shower room and Family Bathroom. INTEGRAL GARAGE with gardens to front and rear. EPC rating C

£232,500

NO CHAIN



**BEECHMERE RISE
ETCHINGHILL**

A well presented and spacious family home being split-level in design. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Entrance Hall, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Lower Floor Hallway, Lounge, Dining Area, Breakfast Kitchen, Utility Room and Downstairs Shower Room. INTEGRAL GARAGE and off road parking for 3/4 cars. Enclosed tiered gardens to rear. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC rating C

£239,950

NO CHAIN



**TITHEBARN ROAD
RUGELEY**

Offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN is this detached bungalow in popular location. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Side Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen. Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to side. Single Garage and Gardens to front and rear. EPC Rating D

£245,000

NEW



**OLD EATON ROAD
RUGELEY**

Backing onto the Trent & Mersey canal is this two bedroomed link-detached bungalow. Entrance Porch, Reception Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Kitchen, Two Bedroom and Bathroom. SINGLE GARAGE, Gardens to front and rear. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC rating E

£245,000

NEW HOME



**VICTORIA STREET
HEDNESFORD**

Viewing of this spacious brand new detached bungalow built by Charmford Homes. Non-Estate position. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally Heated. Entrance Hall, Open plan Lounge with Living Kitchen, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Large driveway to front with enclosed garden to rear. EPC rating: to be confirmed

£289,995

NO CHAIN



**BRINDLEY BANK ROAD
RUGELEY**

A good sized detached bungalow on a generous plot leading to the TRENT & MERSEY CANAL. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Side Entrance Hall, L shaped Lounge/Diner, Fitted Kitchen, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. SINGLE GARAGE. Gardens to front and rear. EPC rating E

£289,995

NEW HOME



**LICHFIELD ROAD
ARMITAGE**

Two brand new detached bungalows. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Large Entrance Hall, Lounge, Open Plan Living Kitchen, Three Bedrooms with Master having an En-Suite, Family Bathroom, SINGLE GARAGE with driveway to front. Enclosed garden to rear. EPC rating B

£300,000



**BUCKMASTER WAY
RUGELEY**

Modern family home having undergone an upgrade and refurbishment. UPVC double-glazing and Gas central heating. Entrance Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Open plan Kitchen/Dining Area and Family Room. First Floor Landing, Four Bedrooms with Master having an Ensuite Shower Room and Family Bathroom. SINGLE GARAGE with gardens to front, side and rear. EPC rating B.


£310,000



**VILLIERS GARDENS
ARMITAGE**

Executive family home with spacious accommodation on offer. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Large Reception Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Room, Breakfast Kitchen, Utility Room. First Floor Landing with Four Bedrooms, two En-Suite Shower Rooms plus a Family Bathroom. INTEGRAL GARAGE. Enclosed garden to rear. EPC rating C

£327,500



**LITTLE TIXALL LANE
GREAT HAYWOOD**

A spacious detached bungalow benefitting from UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Area, Breakfast Kitchen, Sitting Room, Three Bedrooms and Two Bathroom. Double Carport with INTEGRAL SINGLE GARAGE. Ample parking to front. Enclosed low maintenance garden to rear. EPC rating D

£389,995

NEW



**RUGELEY ROAD
HAZELSLADE**

Spacious detached dormer property. Entrance Hall, Open plan Lounge/Diner, Sitting Room, Conservatory, Breakfast Kitchen, Utility Room, Two Bedrooms to ground floor with Bathroom. First Floor Landing with Three Bedrooms with one having an En-Suite. Loft storage room. Extensive frontage with mature gardens and Workshop. EPC rating D

£399,950



**CHASELEY ROAD
ETCHINGHILL**

Extended four bedroomed detached. Entrance Hall, Two Reception Rooms, Breakfast Kitchen, Inner Hallway and Utility Room. First Floor Landing, Four Bedrooms, Family Bathroom and Shower Room. Garage with Driveway offering off road parking for several vehicles. Large Garden of approximately 3/4 of an acre (un measured) with views over Cannock Chase. EPC rating E

£399,950

NO CHAIN



**CHURCH LANE
ETCHINGHILL**

Greenacres is a traditional detached bungalow set in gardens of approximately 1/3 acre. Enclosed Porch, Reception Dining Hall, Lounge, Fitted Breakfast Kitchen, Utility Room, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom and separate WC. SINGLE GARAGE with ample parking. Private established gardens to rear. EPC rating D.

£399,995

NEW



**REDFERN RISE
HAUGHTON**

PART EXCHANGE IS BEING CONSIDERED for this spacious new build detached family home. Large Entrance Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Study, Lounge, Open Living Kitchen. First Floor Landing with Four Double Bedrooms one having an En-Suite Shower Room and Family Bathroom. SINGLE GARAGE with driveway providing off-road parking. Large enclosed garden to rear.

£399,995

NO CHAIN



**WOODFORD RISE
SLITTING MILL**

An individually designed detached family home positioned in the popular Slitting Mill area of Rugeley. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated the property is offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Set on three levels the accommodation must be viewed to appreciate. Potential for creating additional living accommodation. EPC rating D

£485,000



**CHASELEY ROAD
ETCHINGHILL**

A three-storey detached positioned on an enviable private driveway off Chaseley Road. Spacious Reception Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Room, Breakfast Kitchen, Utility Room. First Floor Landing with Three Bedrooms with Master having an En-Suite. Second Floor Landing with Two Further Bedrooms and spacious Family Bathroom. Gravelled frontage leading to a DOUBLE GARAGE.

£520,000



**FRIARS COT
KINGSLEY WOOD ROAD**

Tucked away on the edge of Cannock Chase this versatile, individually built, detached property comprises of an Entrance Hall, Lounge, Fitted Dining Kitchen, Conservatory, Two Bedrooms, En-Suite and a Shower Room. To the first floor is a Study/Loft Room with WC. Driveway to front with ample off-road parking. Swimming Pool complex in well established gardens. EPC rating F

£570,000

NEW



**OAKWOOD
ETCHINGHILL**

A much improved executive detached positioned in a private cul-de-sac location. Porch, Reception Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Room, Study, Sitting Room, Fitted Kitchen and Utility Room. Gallered Landing, Four Bedrooms, En-Suite Shower Room and Family Bathroom. INTEGRAL GARAGE plus additional storage. Enclosed garden to rear. An additional side garden. EPC rating D

£585,000

NEW



**EASTFIELDS LODGE
KINGS BROMLEY**

Set in grounds of approximately 0.66 acres of established garden and within the catchment for John Taylor High School the property offers flexible family living having the added benefit of a separate two-storey annexe providing the opportunity for a dependent relative (with further planning permission). In addition there is a detached office building and a DOUBLE GARAGE/WORKSHOP. EPC rating E

£595,000



**REST HARROW
SLITTING MILL**

Viewing of this extended 1920's detached is a must to appreciate the location. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. The property has been refurbished and extended over the years to provide a spacious family home. The gardens have been landscaped and the plot totals just under one acre. Extensive parking and a DETACHED GARAGE BLOCK. EPC Rating E

£899,950



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NEW

BREWERY STREET RUGELEY

Studio Apartment in town centre location comprising open plan living space with fully fitted Kitchen and appliances. Lounge/Bedroom area with spacious Shower Room. Communal entrance with Coded Security system. VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. ELECTRICITY INCLUDED WITHIN RENTAL AMOUNT. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating D. DEPOSIT £575

£415 pcm



NEW

FERNWOOD DRIVE RUGELEY

First floor flat benefiting from Gas Central Heating. Accommodation comprises large Entrance Hall, spacious Lounge, Kitchen, two Bedrooms, ample storage room, Bathroom. Parking to the rear (Not Allocated) DSS CONSIDERED. NO PETS. NO SMOKERS. EPC Rating D

DEPOSIT £616

£445 pcm



NEW

THE SIDINGS HEDNESFORD

Well presented first floor Flat within walking distance of Hednesford town centre. Accommodation comprises of Entrance Hall with stairs leading to Lounge, Kitchen with some appliances, 2 Bedrooms and Bathroom. Communal gardens. Allocated parking space. VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. NO DSS. NO PETS. NO SMOKERS EPC Rating C

£500 pcm



St Georges Court, Brereton

Available in July a spacious two bedroom apartment.

Communal Entrance, Reception Hall, spacious open plan Lounge/Kitchen with some appliances. Bathroom with shower over bath. Double Glazing and Gas Central Heating. Off road parking. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating B
DEPOSIT £796



NEW

EATON DRIVE RUGELEY

Studio Apartment in town centre location comprising open plan living space with fully fitted Kitchen and appliances. Lounge/Bedroom area with spacious Shower Room. Communal entrance with Coded Security system. VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. ELECTRICITY INCLUDED WITHIN RENTAL AMOUNT. NO PARKING

£525 pcm

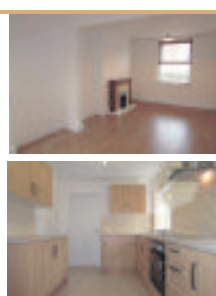


NEW

SPRINGHILL TERRACE, RUGELEY

Spacious, well presented semi detached property comprising Entrance Hall, Spacious Lounge/Dining room, re-fitted Kitchen, Utility Room. Two double Bedrooms and Wet Room. Gardens to front and rear, Off road Parking to front. VIEWING RECOMMENDED.

£585 pcm



NEW

**LET
AGREED**

FAIRMOUNT WAY ETCHINGHILL

Three bedroom Semi Detached property with Gas Central Heating. Accommodation comprises of Entrance Hall, spacious Lounge, re-fitted Kitchen/Diner. Three Bedrooms and family Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear. Garage with driveway parking. Very well presented property. (Photos taken June 2016) VIEWING RECOMMENDED. DEPOSIT £879

£635 pcm



NEW

DEERHURST RISE RUGELEY

First floor apartment in popular location. Accommodation comprises of Entrance Hall, open plan Lounge/Kitchen with some appliances. One Double Bedroom and Bathroom. Garden to rear and allocated parking at front. VIEWING RECOMMENDED.

NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating B

£640 pcm



NEW

ARMITAGE ROAD, RUGELEY

Well presented modern Furnished Coach House Apartment. Comprising of Entrance Hall, open plan Lounge, Kitchen, spacious Double Bedroom and Bathroom. External storage room. Allocated parking space. VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating C. DEPOSIT £900

£650 pcm



NEW

**LET
AGREED**

LEVETT GRANGE RUGELEY

Well presented semi detached property comprising of through Hallway, Guest WC, Kitchen with some appliances, spacious Lounge. Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear. Driveway parking. VIEWING RECOMMENDED. NO DSS. NO PETS. NO SMOKERS. EPC Rating C. PHOTOS TAKEN MAY 2017. DEPOSIT £948

£685 pcm

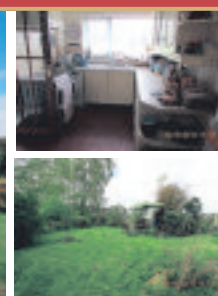


**LET
AGREED**

HIGH STREET, COLTON

Spacious detached property in sought after semi rural location with lovely views. Accommodation comprises of Entrance Porch, Entrance Hall, Lounge/Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility Room and Guest Cloakroom. Three Bedrooms and Shower Room. Garage and Gardens to the front and rear.

£725 pcm

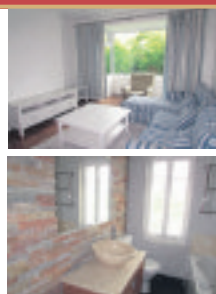


NEW

WOLSELEY ROAD, RUGELEY

Well presented and spacious Detached property comprising of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Family Room/Dining Room, Breakfast Kitchen with some appliances, Utility Room, Guest WC. Three Double Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear. Off road Parking available for 2 cars. VIEWING RECOMMENDED.

£770 pcm



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APPLICANTS
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3 bed
semi-detached
properties in
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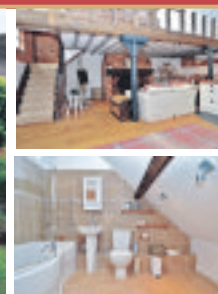


NEW

HAMSTALL RIDWARE, RUGELEY

Stunning FURNISHED Barn Conversion in idyllic setting. Accommodation comprises of open plan Lounge/Kitchen/Dining Room with all appliances and feature inglenook fireplace. Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Off road parking. VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

£1,150 pcm



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BURNTWOOD, THE GROVE

- Executive detached residence 4
- Greatly extended accommodation 2
- Desirable Cul-de-Sac location C
- Immaculate, contemporary interiors

Great Wyrley Office - £340,000



CHESLYN HAY, LOW STREET

- Extended link-detached residence 3
- Deceptively spacious property 2
- Two reception rooms
- Double garage with sauna

Burntwood Office - £265,000



BURNTWOOD, ST STEPHENS ROAD

- Extended link-detached family home 3
- Popular residential location 2
- Two spacious reception rooms
- Ample driveway, tandem garage E

Burntwood Office - £255,000



BURNTWOOD, GARRICK RISE

- Detached family residence 4
- Through lounge/diner 1
- Refitted kitchen & bathroom
- Cul-de-Sac location D

Great Wyrley Office - £240,000



CHESLYN HAY, CHASE AVENUE

- Detached Bungalow 2
- Newly Fitted Kitchen 1
- No Upward Chain
- Viewing Highly Recommended D

Great Wyrley Office - £235,000



CHESLYN HAY, GRASSMERE COURT

- Immaculate detached residence 3
- Pleasant Cul-de-Sac location 1
- Low maintenance rear garden
- Driveway & detached garage D

Great Wyrley Office - £229,950



CHESLYN HAY, BERWYN GROVE

- Detached bungalow 2
- Popular Cul-de-Sac location 1
- Driveway & detached garage
- No onward chain D

Burntwood Office - £220,000



BURNTWOOD, CANNOCK ROAD

- Renovated, extended family semi 3
- Contemporary open-plan interiors 1
- Private, expansive rear garden
- Handsome frontage. Ample parking C

Great Wyrley Office - £200,000



GREAT WYRLEY, MANOR AVENUE

- Extended semi-detached house 3
- Popular residential location 1
- Off road parking
- Viewing highly recommended D

Burntwood Office - £199,950



BURNTWOOD, ROCHESTER AVENUE

- Well presented, modern semi 3
- Contemporary interiors 1
- Popular residential location
- Close to schools & shops D

Burntwood Office - £130,000



CHASE TERRACE, CANNOCK ROAD

- Charming cottage style semi 3
- Convenient Chase Terrace location 1
- Expansive private rear garden
- Ideal first time / investor purchase F

Great Wyrley Office - £129,950



CHESLYN HAY, STATION STREET

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• Guest WC
• Landscaped Rear Garden

EPC 47

£240,000

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• Modern New Build Property
• Well Presented Throughout
• Guest W.C.
• Lounge Diner

• Well Equipped Breakfast Kitchen
• Two Bedrooms
• Enclosed Landscaped Rear Garden
• Viewing Essential

EPC 83

£140,000

NEW

HEDNESFORD
KINROSS AVENUE




• Four Double Bedrooms
• Well Presented Throughout
• Two Reception Rooms
• Refitted Modern Breakfast Kitchen

• Guest WC and Utility Room
• En-Suite To Master Bedroom
• Enclosed Rear Garden
• Parking Via Driveway

EPC 69

£269,950

NEW

CANNOCK
ALTON GROVE










• Fully Refurbished
• Deceptively Spacious
• Two Bedrooms
• Envious Kitchen

• Lounge
• Conservatory
• Shower Room
• Garage And Driveway

EPC 67

£249,995

WALTON ON THE HILL, STAFFORD
WILLOW CLOSE

• Chain Free
• Village Location
• Three Bedrooms
• Refitted Bathroom

• Spacious Lounge Diner
• P Shaped Conservatory
• Tandem Garage
• Enclosed Rear Garden

EPC 62

£246,950

NEW

CANNOCK
CEMETERY ROAD




• Show Home Standard Throughout
• Three Bedrooms
• Two Bathrooms
• Through Lounge Diner

• Large Rear Garden
• Garage and Driveway
• Early Viewing Recommended

EPC 0

£179,995

NEW

CANNOCK
JOHN STREET




• Link Detached
• Three Bedrooms
• Through Lounge Diner
• Garage and Driveway


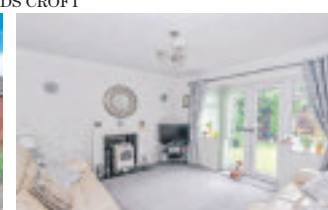
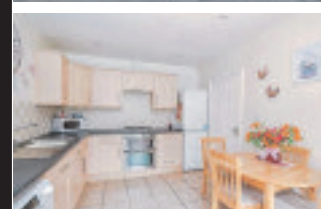

• Enclosed Rear Garden
• Conservatory
• Viewing Essential

EPC 0

£170,000

NEW

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• Lounge
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Semi Detached
House

Utility
2nd Lounge
GCH & DG
Kitchen Diner
3 Bedrooms
Bathroom

EPC Rating D

£695 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HUNTINGTON
REDWING DRIVE




Unfurnished
Semi Detached
House
Lounge
Kitchen
3 Bedrooms

Bathroom
GCH & DG
Front and Rear
Garden
Conservatory
EPC Rating D

£650 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEDNESFORD
STAGBOROUGH WAY




Semi Detached
Bungalow
Lounge
Kitchen
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom

Gas Central Heating
Double Glazing
Front & Rear Garden
Garage
Driveway
EPC Rating D

£650 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HUNTINGTON
PEAR TREE CLOSE






Unfurnished
Detached Bungalow
Lounge
Kitchen
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom

Gas Central Heating
Double Glazing
Rear Garden
Driveway
EPC Rating C

£625 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

BRIDGTOWN
ROMAN COURT A5

Unfurnished
Ground Floor
Executive Apartment
Open Plan Lounge
Kitchen
2 Bedrooms

Bathroom
Electric Heating
Double Glazing
Parking
EPC Rating B

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CANNOCK
FOXES RAKE




Unfurnished
Town House
Lounge
Kitchen
3 Bedrooms
Bathroom

Gas Central Heating
Double Glazing
Rear Garden
Parking
EPC Rating C

£595 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEDNESFORD
BROMLEY CLOSE





Unfurnished
Town House
Lounge
Kitchen Diner
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom

Gas Central Heating
Double Glazing
Rear Garden
Parking
EPC Rating C

£525 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEDNESFORD
BLAKE CLOSE




Unfurnished
Semi Detached
House
Lounge
Kitchen
2 Bedrooms

Bathroom
Electric Heating
Double Glazing
Rear Garden
Parking
EPC Rating E

£495 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEATH HAYES
CANNOCK ROAD




Unfurnished
First Floor Flat
Lounge
Kitchen
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom

Gas Central Heating
Double Glazing
Parking
EPC Rating C

£495 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

CANNOCK
KENILWORTH COURT




Unfurnished
First Floor Flat
Lounge
Kitchen
1 Bedroom
Bathroom

Electric Heating
Double Glazing
Parking
EPC Rating D

£450 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

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- Garage
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- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Refurbished Kitchen & Bathroom
- Open Plan Lounge/Diner
- Gardens Front & Rear
- Garage & Parking to Rear

£625 PCM



Ravenslea Road, Bretonton

A Two Bedroom Semi-Detached House

- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Enclosed Front & Rear Gardens
- Gated Parking to Rear

£575 PCM



Joseph Dix Drive

A Three Bedroom Detached House

- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Lounge & Kitchen/Diner
- Bathroom
- 3 Bedrooms
- Enclosed Rear Garden

£650 PCM



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- Kitchenette
- Bedroom with built in wardrobe
- Bathroom

£400 PCM

PROPERTY



Spacious well-presented home enjoys open views

This spacious and well-presented five-bedroomed detached family home in Elizabethan Way, Rugeley, needs to be viewed in order to fully appreciate its location and accommodation.

It is for sale through JR Properties at £285,000. This home has open views to rear. Its accommodation briefly comprises an entrance hallway, a lounge, a dining room,

RUGELEY
£285,000

a guest WC, a re-fitted breakfast kitchen, utility room, five bedrooms, three bathrooms (two en-suite) and front and rear gardens.

In more detail the lounge has a

feature fireplace with a gas fire. An archway leads to the dining room. The new kitchen has a range of wall and base units with fitted work surfaces over and a breakfast area with French doors to the garden.

There is a driveway leading to a garage, flanked by a gravelled fore garden with a well maintained lawn.

Call 01889 577731.



Three-bedroom character property on good-sized plot

This stunning three-bedroomed character property in Chapel Lane, Gentshew, is set in an idyllic rural position with views over Gentshew and the surrounding countryside.

It is for sale through Lovett & Co at £425,000.

The property briefly comprises an entrance hallway, a lounge, a dining

GENTLESHAW
£425,000

room, a kitchen, a utility cupboard, a WC, landing, three bedrooms and a family bathroom.

The property sits on a good-sized plot which includes mature

landscaped gardens and patio areas, a large gated driveway with two-storey double garage, which has potential use as an annexe.

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- Breakfast Kitchen
- GCH & DG
- Gardens & Parking
- Energy Rating D
- NO DSS/PETS

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- Bathroom, GCH & DG
- Gardens & Garage
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- Modern Kitchen
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- Front and Delightful Rear Gardens
- Garage and Driveway

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- Viewing Highly Recommended
- Reception Hall, Lounge
- Re-Fitted Kitchen, Diner, Bathroom
- Conservatory, Two DOUBLE bedrooms

OIRO £210,000

- Study, Rear Gardens
- Detached Garage & Ample Driveway

GREENHEATH ROAD, HEDNESFORD



- A Well Presented Detached Bungalow
- Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Two DOUBLE Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Driveway and Detached Garage
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- Entrance Hall, Lounge-Diner
- Re-Fitted Kitchen, Guest WC,

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- Conservatory,
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- Bathroom
- Detached Garage, Off Road Parking
- Delightful Front and Rear Gardens
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL

VIEW STREET, HEDNESFORD



- A Very Well Presented Three Bedroom Semi Detached House.
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Re-Fitted Breakfast Kitchen

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- Utility/Store Room, Three bedrooms
- Re-fitted bathroom
- Block Paved Driveway, Enclosed Rear Garden

FIELDHOUSE ROAD, HEDNESFORD



- A Spacious Three Bed Semi Detached House
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Spacious Dining Room

£129,950

- Ground Floor Bathroom, Kitchen
- Three bedrooms, Provisions for Off Road Parking at Rear
- Front and Good Sized Rear Gardens

STATION STREET, CHESLYN HAY



- A Traditional Two Bedroom End Terraced House
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- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom
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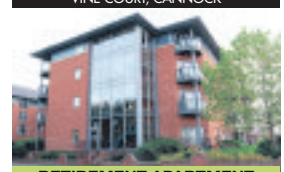
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Well presented three bedroom 1920's style property / Spacious open plan lounge-diner / Modern fitted kitchen & bathroom suite / Well proportioned bedrooms / Good sized private rear garden

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Three bedroom detached family home / Sought after location / Off road parking for 2/3 / Victorian pitched roof conservatory / Spacious lounge & separate dining room

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**Hill Street
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Immaculate three bedroom semi detached dormer bungalow / Set over floors / Situated in quiet cul-de-sac / Open plan kitchen diner / Stunning orangery to rear / Substantial first floor converted dormer

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Very spacious four bedroom detached house / Open plan dining kitchen / Large open reception hall / Good sized private rear garden / Garage and driveway with ample parking

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Stunning four bedroom Victorian style character property / Lovingly restored and superbly maintained / Period features charm & character throughout / no onward chain / Driveway for 3 cars / 4 Double

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Offers in Excess of £65,000

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£65,000

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Decent choice for a compact crossover

By Tom Wiltshire

The Peugeot 2008 is the sister car to the Citroen C3 Aircross. The two crossovers share platforms, engines and other tech, but – in line with Peugeot's positioning as the 'upmarket' arm of the PSA Group – it's a bit more mature.

There's a range of perky turbocharged petrol engines, some token diesels, exclusively front-wheel drive and a compact interior packed with tech. There are a few Peugeot touches too, with the quirky 'i-Cockpit' dial arrangement the most obvious.

The facelifted 2008 has gained a bold, upright front end and the Peugeot badge moved from the bonnet to the grille. The facelift also upgraded the lights, bulked up the wheel arches and added skid plates front and rear for a more rugged look but this car only has front-wheel drive and isn't an off-roader – though Peugeot's 'Grip Control' does a fair approximation, sending torque to whichever front wheel has the most traction.

Buyers can choose between 1.2-litre petrol and 1.6-litre diesel lumps, with six power outputs between them. The diesel range offers up 74bhp, 99bhp and 118bhp power outputs, all of which are very efficient and quite smooth. We reckon the car suits one of the peppier petrols better, though. Avoid the entry-level 82bhp petrol, which feels sluggish, and opt for either the 108bhp or the 128bhp units. Our test car was fitted with the latter, and with just 1,045kg to lug around performance was pretty effortless, especially when compared with heavier competition.

Economy is strong even in the petrol cars, too. Though the diesels are capable of over



The 2008 has the quirky i-Cockpit

70mpg, the 55mpg we averaged in the most powerful petrol was very impressive.

The 2008 drives a lot like the 208 on which it's based – not a bad thing, but that doesn't endow it with class-leading driving dynamics. A Seat Arona will offer more agility, for example, though the 2008 hits back with a good ride, even on the 17-inch alloy wheels of our test car. The 2008 has a tiny steering wheel and rather over-assisted steering, which has the twin result of improving agility around town but making for a twitchy, nervous motorway cruise. The engines cope well with long distances, though – opt for a model with a sixth gear and they're barely idling, improving refinement and leaving plenty of power in reserve for an overtake.

The 2008 aims to be the opposite of its C3 Aircross cousin. Where the latter car is quirky, with 'upside-down' headlights, brightly coloured paint schemes and swathes of plastic cladding, the 2008 is sensible and classier.



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The car's profile does look rather odd, with the tall body making the wheels look rather lost inside their plastic-clad arches. The front end is rather more successful, though – it's smart, premium and definitely a Peugeot.

Those after something a little more eye-catching would be better served by the C3 Aircross or perhaps something totally different, such as the Nissan Juke.

The interior is lifted virtually unchanged from the 208, which means it uses Peugeot's 'i-Cockpit' system. This lifts the dials and gauges up from their usual position and places them above a smaller, oval steering wheel, ostensibly to reduce the distance

the driver's eyes have to move. Whether it's comfortable for you will depend very much on your size and driving position – we found ourselves with the bottom of the dials blocked when the steering wheel was in a comfortable position.

Quality is decent if not class-leading, and certain aspects of the cabin, especially the infotainment, feel rather dated. At least the 2008 is roomy, with space for adults in both rows and a 360-litre boot. It's a shame cabin storage isn't so great – the glovebox is tiny and so is the centre console.

All 2008s gain the essentials, with front electric windows, six airbags, LED daytime

running lights and air-conditioning, but most will likely opt for mid-range Allure spec which gains parking sensors, tints the rear windows and adds dual-zone climate control and mood lighting to the interior.

If you're in the market for a likeable compact SUV with decent manners on the road, the Peugeot 2008 is a quiet contender. It doesn't shout like its Citroen sibling, and it won't divide opinion nearly as much as a Nissan Juke or Hyundai Kona, but its plain-but-smart exterior hides a selection of great engines and a well-equipped interior. Add in rock-bottom running costs and the 2008 could be the pick of the compact SUV crop for some.

All-new Audi Q8 is bold and stylish sibling to practical Q7

Audi has unveiled the latest offering in its five-strong SUV range – the Q8.

A new flagship for the brand's model line-up, the Q8 is the heart to the Q7's head.

It's a stylish off-roader with a coupe-like rear roofline, intending to compete with a huge number of rivals both in-house and from outside.

Just within the VW Group the Q8 has to deal with rivals such as the Volkswagen Touareg, Porsche Cayenne, Bentley Bentayga and Lamborghini Urus, while Mercedes' GLE Coupe and BMW's X6 both provide strong competition.

Next-generation

The Q8 features styling similar to that of its two preceding concepts – the Q8 Concept and Q8 Sport Concept.

Audi says that this previews the next-generation design language for all the brand's SUVs, mainly in the styling of the front grille.

The distinctive 'Singleframe' forms an octagonal surround to the grille, which Audi describes as 'brawny'.

Moving down the car's flanks, there are standard-fit LED headlights, bold rear haunches and wheel surrounds that give the impression of bulky arches.

The rear features a tapering roofline and a full-width glossy styling element that encompasses the Audi badge and the rear lights.

Overall, the Q8 is lower and wider than its Q7 sibling, but shares the same wheelbase. With only five seats



inside, though, there's more room for rear-seat passengers.

The dash features the same layout as the A8, A7 and A6 – it consists of a twin-screen infotainment display and Virtual Cockpit digital dial pack.

The Q8 will launch with just a single engine option – a V6 diesel, badged 50 TDI and putting out 282bhp and 600Nm of torque.

A lower-powered 228bhp diesel and 335bhp V6 petrol will join the range

early in 2019, and all three engines are mated to 48V mild hybrid systems to allow seamless stop-start and coasting functions.

Expect a hot Q8 and hybrid e-tron model, too. All will be mated to quattro four-wheel drive.

Prices for the Q8 are likely to start slightly above the Q7 – expect a price tag of around £65,000 for entry-level 50 TDI models. The Q8 is set to go on sale in the summer.

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There's a new book out on the iconic Morris Minor

70 years on the road

The postwar Morris Minor, designed by Alec Issigonis, was one of the most popular British cars. 2018 marks 70 years since the first Minors rolled off the production lines at Cowley in Oxfordshire.

In a celebratory publication Ray Newell looks at the development of the wide range of models produced during a production run that spanned twenty two years in the UK. Using mainly contemporary materials covering four decades, he transports the reader back to an era when the pace of life was much slower.

The worldwide appeal of this trendsetting vehicle is examined in the context of the 'export or die' mentality that dominated postwar Britain, as are the innovative production methods used to ensure that 'Morris Motors Ltd' lived up to its 'quality first' reputation.

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Toyota boosting its cleaner motoring scrappage scheme

Throughout this month, people who wish to replace their old cars with a brand new Toyota Aygo city car will qualify for £2,000 off the price tag – adding an extra £500 to the current offer.

Aygo is the style-setter in its class, its compact dimensions and lively one-litre engine making it ideal for around-town driving, with the added benefits of low running costs and modest CO2 emissions. And with a host of customisation options and vibrant colour schemes, customers can create just the look they want for their car.

Yaris Hybrid has been reintroduced to the wide range of Toyota models accessible through the scheme, with a customer saving of £1,500. The first hybrid electric model in the supermini market, Yaris Hybrid offers a winning combination of budget-friendly fuel economy, low emissions, top quality and stylish good looks. It also has a proven reputation for lasting quality and reliability.

The savings are available for cars ordered between now and June 30, and registered by September 10 this year. Even more savings may be enjoyed, as qualifying customers can take advantage of a range of Access Toyota finance offers for their new car purchase, including zero per cent APR deals, where available and subject to appropriate terms and conditions.

These offers add even more momentum to the Toyota scheme, which has already yielded more than 7,000 orders since its launch last September. Aygo is the top choice for customers, commanding more than 40 per cent of scrappage sales, while overall Toyota is proving the go-to brand as well, with conquest sales accounting for around 65 per cent of the total.

Mark Roden, Toyota (GB) operations director, said: "The response to our scrappage initiative has been excellent, with many customers taking the opportunity to move into cleaner and more efficient Toyota hybrid electric models in place of their old petrol and diesel cars. With the extra incentives we have added for the coming month, we're expecting this positive momentum to continue, introducing more people to the Toyota brand and the quality of our extensive product line-up."

In outline, the scrappage scheme enables owners of cars and commercial vehicles – both petrol and diesel – registered up to and including 30 June 2010, to trade in their vehicle against a qualifying new Toyota car or light commercial vehicle. Customers must have owned their vehicle for a minimum of six months. Other terms and conditions apply, full details are available or from Toyota retailers.

All vehicles taken off the road through the scheme are processed at authorised treatment facilities managed by Autogreen. After the safe removal of all pollutants and the recovery of retrievable parts, shredding and recovery is handled by EMR. Together these processes meet the legal requirement of a minimum 95 per cent recycling by vehicle weight.



Yaris Hybrid has been reintroduced to the wide range of Toyota models accessible through the scheme



Aygo is the top choice for customers, commanding more than 40 per cent of scrappage sales

Changes needed for long-term safety

As learner drivers take to the motorways for the first time in England, Scotland and Wales, road safety and breakdown organisation GEM Motoring Assist says some fundamental changes in the whole learning process are necessary to bring down casualties.

GEM road safety officer Neil Worth said: "Driving on the motorway for the first time can be a daunting experience, so although we welcome the opportunity for learners to drive on the motorway while accompanied by a qualified driving instructor, we believe few will bother because they won't be tested on it."

"However the new scheme makes accompanied driving available for learners an option. It's not a requirement and will not be assessed in the driving test, so we see few, if any, safety benefits."

"We believe motorway driving should be mandatory for all learners, as experience should show that optional learning opportunities simply don't work. Take Pass Plus, for example. It's a great idea to offer an additional programme of post-test experience building for newly-qualified drivers. But the average uptake today is just three per cent."

"The Government should learn from

experience and take steps to mandate a new learning system that's fit for purpose."

Figures from the Department for Transport show that 20 per cent of all fatalities on Britain's roads in 2016 involved a driver aged between 17 and 24, although they make up just seven per cent of licence holders.

GEM has long supported the introduction of graduated driving licensing ('GDL'), which provides an important intermediate element between learner and full licence holder, and allows new drivers to build up their skills and experience over a period of time, using clearly-marked stages.

Where versions of GDL are already in place, the reduction in young and novice driver collisions has been remarkable," according to Neil Worth. "Research from TRL in 2013 shows that 16-year-old drivers in the USA who learnt to drive through GDL systems 15 years ago had 37 per cent fewer crashes than those who followed other systems."

"Elsewhere, following the introduction of GDL in New Zealand, injuries from road traffic collisions reduced by almost a quarter for 15- to 19-year olds."

In 2017, more than 90 per cent of drivers in a GEM survey gave their support to a



Driving on the motorway for the first time can be a daunting experience

graduated driver licensing system. This, they said, should include:

- A minimum learning period of 12 months before taking a practical test
- Drivers should hold 'novice' status for two years after passing the test

- A ban on novice drivers carrying passengers aged under 25
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The Niro has sleek looks and a low roofline

Niro justifies price tag on all fronts especially powertrain

By John Griffiths

It has the sharp looks and family car practicality that you'd expect of a serious entry in the highly competitive world of sports utility vehicles (SUVs).

But Kia's 2018 Niro is different: this world new £30,495 flagship version is the economy king of the SUV, cutting running costs and taxes with economy figures which eclipse even the most frugal of its diesel rivals.

Officially the figure is 67.3mpg for the petrol engine but – and this was a surprise to me – I actually managed to exceed that in real world driving. A 120-mile mainly motorway and A-road run returned 74.5mpg according to the trip computer, while on a series of shorter journeys the average was even better at over 80mpg thanks to the assistance provided by the electric motor.

Seeing the trip meter's 'range to empty' calculation climbing as you drive was also a first.

The secret of the new Niro PHEV (plug-in electric vehicle) is an efficient 1.5 litre petrol engine combined with a 44.5kw, or approximately 59bhp, working separately or together in perfect harmony through a six-speed dual clutch gearbox, as opposed to the CVT system normally found on hybrids.

The arrangement is a first in the compact SUV class. It uses the same 1,580cc petrol engine as the first Niro



Inside it's sleek with plenty of equipment

parallel hybrid launched two years ago, but with a more powerful electric motor and larger battery pack. This allows the car to run potentially for up to 38 miles on electricity alone – for some motorists that would mean a petrol and emissions-free commute.

You can recharge the battery in two to three hours from a normal 13-amp socket, or more quickly from an EV charging point. It's well worth the two minute job of hooking up as when you're on the open road and using the hybrid drivetrain you get the joint benefits of livelier performance and improved economy.

Using both power sources, the Niro does the benchmark 0 to 62mph sprint in 10.5 seconds.

The electric motor helps the petrol engine on both counts. For instance you still start off on the electric motor, overcoming initial inertia, and the car automatically selects electric power during low speed manoeuvring or while crawling in traffic – all things which help drain your wallet on fossil-fuel only cars. You can swap modes manually, by pressing a button on the centre console. Regenerative braking, when you're coasting or braking, helps to keep the battery active.

The Niro has sleek looks and a low roofline, which is another surprise since there's no shortage of headroom inside for a driver and passengers of six-foot or a little more. It also has a family-sized 427 litre boot, rising to 1,425 litres with the rear seats folded down.

Yet it also means improved aerodynamics and sharper handling than some of its rivals, while as there is no 4x4 option the suspension is tuned for a comfortable on-road ride. It's quiet too – both in hybrid and electric models.

As well as the new powertrain, the flagship Niro PHEV is the best equipped model in the range justifying its £30,495 price. The Niro range starts from £23,135.

Safety systems are comprehensive including ABS and stability control plus hill start assist, rear crossing traffic alert, auto emergency braking and lane keep assist.

For many of us, £30,000 is a lot of money but the Niro justifies its tag on space and equipment – it's a nice car in its own right – before we come to the impressively efficient new power train, with its promise of fuel and tax savings over the life of the car.

With its ultra-low CO2 rating of 29g/km, the Phev is free from car tax in the first year, with the minimum £130 thereafter. The benefit-in-kind tax rate for company car drivers is a low 13 per cent.

But the icing on the cake is Kia's unique seven-year or 100,000 mile warranty.

You have to admire the Niro PHEV as a piece of technology, with its seamless combination of petrol and electric power and the smooth transmission. The fact that this technology is of direct benefit to owners and their pockets is just as it should be.

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Honda Jazz Sport is as fun to drive as it is to look at

By Carmel Stewart

The award-winning little Honda Jazz has been around for a few years now but it was a big hit, right from the start.

Its neat design, well-matched engines, magic seats and straightforward choices meant it was perfect for anyone looking for a compact, practical car which would take loads of luggage and awkward shaped packages as well as a few bods, when required.

Having reached the best-seller lists in a relatively short space of time has meant Honda designers and engineers have had to come up with new ideas and technologies to retain its existing customer base and bring in a few new ones. Keeping ahead of the game has been key to its success.

The latest attraction is a Euro 6 compliant 1.5 litre 130ps petrol engine not previously on the Jazz options list plus a few designer tweaks here and there together with new Sport/Sport Navi trim and a new metallic Skyride Blue colour option.

Fans of Honda's excellent rear seat configuration will be delighted to know that these still lift up with no fuss, allowing for plant pots, laundry baskets, Victorian busts and all manner of awkward shapes and sizes to be stored with ease. The 354 litres of cargo space rises to 897 litres with the seats folded up and even more if you dispense with the children altogether and drop the rear seat backs.



Inside, the car is comfortable

Prices start at £14,115 for the S grade powered by the current 102PS 1.3 litre petrol engine with air con, cruise control, automatic headlights, seven-inch screen and city-braking included as standard. A step up to SE adds to the price (£15,615) and the spec list as does the step up to EX (from £17,115).

The Sport model, fitted with that 130ps 1.5litre engine only, is well-matched to a very neat six-speed manual transmission with a CVT automatic available as an option. Priced at £17,765, it is based on the SE trim.

It can be identified by the thin red line beneath the lower grille at the front and the bumper at the rear. In addition, LED headlights, front fog lamps, side sill skirts, a tailgate spoiler and gloss-black 16-inch alloys all mark this out as something special.

Inside the comfortable interior, the sport theme continues with pin striped upholstery, leather wrapped steering wheel with orange stitching round the seat edges and the steering wheel. Just to the right of the steering wheel is a cup holder for the driver. In addition, the storage area in the front arm rest can accommodate a tablet – a couple of nice touches others might like to follow

A pleasant surprise for us older drivers is a radio AND a CD player – a real oooh moment for anyone over 50. As the name might suggest, a sat nav is fitted as standard and proved to be clear and efficient.

On the road, the Honda Jazz Sport is as fun to drive as it is to look at. Neat and tidy with agile handling and well-tuned suspension, it's not what you'd call hot but, once warmed up, it'll take those hills and dales with ease. It'll prove just as agile in the town centre where traffic, speed humps and recalcitrant buses may try to spoil its fun. On the motorways it'll soak up the miles, no problem.

And for those who like to spare the speed and save the planet, Honda's ECO Assist function changes the backlight colour of the speedometer from white to green during fuel-efficient driving.

Expect about 48mpg and emissions of 133g/km with manual gearing and an mpg of 52mpg and 124g/km with the CVT box.

The Jazz was first launched in 2001 and since that time more than seven million units have been sold worldwide.



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Deaths

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Harold

'H'

 Sadly passed away June 1,
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-Grandad H.

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 (AS AMENDED)
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991
DIVERSION OF VEHICULAR TRAFFIC
OLD PENKRIE ROAD, CANNOCK

NOTICE is hereby given that the Staffordshire County Council on 12 June 2018 made an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit any vehicle from proceeding in that length of Old Penkrie Road in Cannock from its junction with B5012 Park Road to its junction with Kilmore Road unless the vehicle is being used in connection with the works; or unless the vehicle requires access to premises on the length of road. Pedestrian access will be maintained.

An alternative route for traffic is available via Old Penkrie Road, Kilmore Road, B5012 New Penkrie Road and vice versa. For more information, visit: <https://roadworks.org?tm=105346829>.

The order will come into operation on 18 June 2018 and the said works will commence on or as near as practicable to that date. It is anticipated that the works will be completed by 20 June 2018.

The Order will remain in force for a period of 18 months, or until the BT duct renewal works undertaken by Stoke Civils Ltd, which it is proposed to carry out on or near the road have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

John Tradewell, Director for Strategy, Governance & Change
No. 2 Staffordshire Place, Tipping Street, Stafford. ST16 2DH
Ref: 4112345; Enquiries: Customer Contact Centre; Tel: 0300 111 8000
www.staffordshire.gov.uk/trafficregulationorders <http://roadworks.org>
Date: 14 June 2018

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 (AS AMENDED)
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991
DIVERSION OF VEHICULAR TRAFFIC
DEVON ROAD, CANNOCK

NOTICE is hereby given that the Staffordshire County Council intend not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit any vehicle from proceeding in that length of Devon Road in Cannock at its junction with A5190 Lichfield Road unless the vehicle is being used in connection with the works; or unless the vehicle requires access to premises on the length of road or is being used for police, fire brigade or ambulance purposes. Pedestrian access will be available.

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John Tradewell, Director for Strategy, Governance & Change
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THE M6 TOLL MOTORWAY (JUNCTION T7 TO M6 JUNCTION 11a) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport has made an Order on the M6 Toll Motorway, in the County of Staffordshire, to allow resurfacing, safety fence repairs, drainage works, street lighting works and structural maintenance works to be carried out.

The effect of the Order will be to close, at different times, -

- the northbound carriageway of the M6 Toll from its junction with the exit slip road at Junction T7 to its junction with the M6 (M6 Junction 11a);
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The work is expected to start on Tuesday 19 June 2018 and will be carried out in phases over a 5 month period. The work will be carried out overnight between 21:00 hours to 06:00 hours Monday to Thursday; 21:00 hours Friday to 09:00 hours Saturday; 20:00 hours Saturday to 09:00 Sunday; and 20:00 hours Sunday to 06:00 Monday. The order will come into force on 18 June 2018.

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Hit the Jackpot with bingo hall darts night

DOUBLE world champion Adrian Lewis will be the headline act when darts stars head to Wednesbury next month.

Stoke-born Lewis, nicknamed Jackpot, lifted the PDC crown at Alexandra Palace in successive years, 2011 and 2012. He will be joined at Mecca Bingo on Friday, July 6 by Andy 'The Viking' Fordham, who won the BDO world championship at Lakeside in 2004. Keith Deller and Colin 'Jaws' Lloyd on an evening on the oche, Deller, the surprise winner of the 1983 world title, is now managing Lewis.

For darts enthusiasts, there will be the chance to try their luck in a three-dart challenge for the chance to play against the greats. Prizes will be up for grabs including signed memorabilia, the show dartboard and front row seats with a fridge full of beers.

The event is open to over-18s only.

Doors open at the Dudley Street venue at 6pm and tickets start at £20 and are available from skiddle.com

World Cup special as stars take questions

DARLASTON Town (1874) FC are holding an Evening of World Cup Football with former Wolves Stars Matt Murray and Joleon Lescott as special guests looking back on their careers and Wolves promotion winning year.

Premier League, FA Cup and Football League Cup winner and former England International Joleon Lescott will be joined by Wolves 2003 play-off final man-of-the-match and Sky Sports pundit Matt Murray.

The evening on July 7 will feature one of the World Cup quarter final games at 7pm. Following the game Lescott and Murray, both highly respected football pundits who are still closely involved with Wolves, will reflect on their own careers, the rise of Wolves under Nuno Espirito Santo and will answer questions on today's Premier League and of course England's World Cup performances.

Memorabilia from Wolves promotion winning year will be auctioned on the night as will a signed shirt of Walsall FC. The event is at The Paycare Ground, Bentley Leisure Pavilion

Race against time for student car entry

BIRMINGHAM City University's Formula Student racing team is going from strength to strength.

With the end goal of displaying and competing a car at the prestigious Silverstone circuit, students from all disciplines work tirelessly all year to build a single-seat open-wheel vehicle from scratch. They are in charge of everything: from concept to design, parts and manufacturing. Members of faculty staff can only advise.

The Formula Student competition is an international engineering challenge run by the iMechE (institute of mechanical engineers), where teams of university students are tasked with building a car to certain specifications in order to compete in a number of different categories, including endurance, sprint, design and business report, over a long weekend.

Flying high after last year's competition where the team achieved their highest score yet, they're in a race against time to finish their car for the global showdown in July.



The Wolves squad celebrating at Wembley



Wolves players on the party bus. Bully is on the left

Old golden memories of Sherpa Van Trophy win

IT was 30 years ago when Wolves fans packed out the city centre in a sea of old gold and black after a glorious Wembley victory.

In scenes reminiscent of the Championship promotion party – just a few weeks ago – thousands of supporters congregated in Wolverhampton for the team's civic parade after the Sherpa Van Trophy win in May 1988.

The triumph marked a turning point as the club set about climbing back through the leagues.

Graham Turner's side had lifted the Fourth Division title three weeks earlier. And Wolves had a chance to clinch another trophy at the Home of Football against Burnley. Tens of thousands of supporters travelled down to London for the Sherpa Van final – proving the club's fanbase remained as passionate as ever. And the packed civic parade back in Wolverhampton showed the city still stood firmly behind the club despite its troubles.

Goals from Andy Mutch and Robbie Dennison secured the cup and put the seal on a stunning season, which saw club legend Steve Bull score on an astonishing 52 occasions.

Unbelievable

Ally Robertson was Wolves' skipper on the day in May 1988 and described his memories of a 'fantastic' day which proved Wolves' remained a big club – despite their slump down the divisions.

The defender said: "It was just great to be part of. To see 50,000 Wolves supporters at Wembley was unbelievable, just unbelievable.

"On the way to Wembley I was thinking – even though it is horrible thing to say – I had played in the First Division all my life more or less, then we are in this little Sherpa Van final.

"Then all of a sudden, we were about three miles from Wembley, and it was just gold and black everywhere.

"It was incredible. And I can still remember – just before we went out the door – saying to the lads, 'we have got to win this for them'.

"We could not believe how many fans were there,

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Report by David Cosgrove

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we really couldn't believe it. I started laughing the other night when I saw the first team having their parade through the city. They won [The Championship] and are back in the Premier League. But it was similar for us on that Sunday after the Sherpa Van.

"I thought 'good God' – it shows how much it means to the supporters. When you think we had just won the fourth division and the Sherpa Van, and we had exactly the same kind of celebration, it is absolutely great."

Anticipation was huge in the build-up to the game with fans snaking around Molineux for tickets.

Up to 6,000 camped and queued for the last remaining 4,500 tickets days before the game took place, with the total attendance larger than an England versus Scotland game a week earlier. It remains Wolves' last trip to Wembley, while the crowd of 80,841 still stands as the Trophy's highest-ever attendance.

Long-awaited success on the pitch came against a backdrop of turmoil off it, with Wolves having faced liquidation and extinction in the years preceding the final. Northern Irishman Dennison, who netted Wolves' second goal, said: "It was a difficult time for the club then. They looked like they were going out of business at one point.

"And then I think the momentum started again with those couple of seasons where we got promoted and won the Sherpa Van. I think it was a crucial time really for the club. The parade the other day was sort of similar to what we went through as well. You know driving through the streets of Wolverhampton, the place was absolutely rammed. The celebrations after-

wards were absolutely incredible. The fans deserved to get back on track again and that is what we were able to produce at that time again."

Legendary full-back Andy Thompson previously revealed how the Wolves players were stunned by the number of supporters who had travelled to Wembley. The Featherstone-born defender said: "We knew how big the crowd was going to be, but nothing prepared us for what we saw.

"I'd never seen a group of people that big in my life and the Wolves fans were in great voice. It set us up for a day to remember."

Meanwhile club-record goalscorer Bully described the scale of the club's support as making 'the hairs stand up on the back of your neck'.

In his review of the match, Bully said: "Unbelievable! That's the only way I can describe our victory at Wembley, which rounded off a quite incredible season. If someone had told me last August that by the end of May Wolves would have won the Fourth Division title and the Sherpa Van Trophy and I would score 52 goals, I would have laughed at them and told them they were mad.

Dream

"But it's happened and it's a dream come true. Going to Wembley from our hotel I don't think it really dawned on us we were actually going to play in a final until we got about three miles from the ground.

"Then we saw Wolves supporters in their hats and scarves waving and shouting at us, and that's when the nerves really started coming.

"And to walk out for the start of a match in front of more than 80,000 supporters was another quite unbelievable and unforgettable experience.

"I wouldn't mind playing at Wembley every week." Keith Downing, who completed the full 90 minutes in Wolves' midfield, said: "I think at the time back in 1988 it was a revival of the club itself.

"I suppose it is a fond memory to a lot of supporters. It was the first sign of a recovery and the Sherpa Van was the icing on the cake, because the main priority was to get back up through the leagues.

Proud Wolves boss Turner said at the time that the Sherpa Van success had been the highpoint of the season.

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Coni, 10, has her sights set on Olympics

A 10-year-old Cannock karate champion already has her sights set on becoming an Olympian – after defending her British title.

Coni Mae Cartwright, who trains with the Ryu Shotokan club at Nuffield Health Gym in Hednesford, won the British Four Nations championship for the second year running. She will now represent England in an international tournament in Helsinki, but after 40 medals in three-and-a-half years, is already making a name for herself.

“The long-term aim is to work towards international events and hopefully become an Olympian,” said her coach Mike Carr.

“Karate has just been introduced into the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo. The head England coach, Jon Mottram, has had his eye on Coni for quite a while. The short-term aim is to now working towards Helsinki.”

The St Mary's Catholic Primary School student proved she was capable of handling the pressure at the British Four Nations at the Leicester Arena.

“She was apprehensive but quite focused,” said Carr. “She knew who she was going up against, the calibre of the girls, she knew straight from the off she was going up against three of her England team-mates. We knew we had to be focused she had to beat the best.”

Pupils act as ball boys for referees' charity fixture

A GROUP of students from Penkridge Middle School and Cannock Chase High School enjoyed a day of football at Great Barr courtesy of the Whistle Foundation. It was part of a special day organised in memory of former referee Richard Eades and the Smile for Joel Charity.

The day began with a friendly football match between the Penkridge-Cannock boys and Black Country Cobras.

After some time to enjoy the activities on offer and meet Wolves mascots Wolfie and Wendy the time came for the boys to take on their role as ball boys for the game, played between two teams of referees and refereed by former professional World Cup official Alan Wiley.

Penkridge teacher Paul Moberley said: “Everyone enjoyed the experience at a day which was for an excellent cause.”

“Despite all of the players being referees this did not prevent the man in the middle showing a red card to leave one of the teams with 10 men and resulting in a 2-1 win for the red team. Thanks to Gregg Rolason from The Whistle Foundation and Suzi Evans, mum of Joel, for allowing us to take part.”

Martial artists belt up for tournament



Champions Adam, Deradie and Matt

MARTIAL artists from a Burntwood club are travelling north of the border for a coveted tournament this week.

The fighters, who train at EWSKA Chasetown, are heading off to Dundee for the WUKF (World Union of Karate-Do Federations) which takes place every two years.

Three world championship representing the club, namely Adam Shaw, Deradie Harding and Matt Broadhead will be joined by a squad of under-9s and under-16s. The club is hoping to attract

sponsorship and new members. Training takes place within Burntwood every week night.

A spokesman said: “It is a great sport for all ages, not only a great way to get fit but to learn self-defence and have fun at the same time.”

The club spokesman added: “We are so proud of all the students that have been chosen to represent the England Wado-Ryu Sport Karate Association in the 7th WUKF world championships in Dundee. They are an amazingly talented squad and we wish them all the very best of luck.”

PENKRIDGE GO FURTHER AHEAD

PENKRIDGE'S 117-run win over Astwood Bank extended their lead at the top of Birmingham League Division Two.

Rana Hassan (73), Attiq Chishti (50), Mohammed Ishtiaq (49) and Laeq Chishti (44) all contributed as Penkridge reached 305-9 against Astwood Bank with Jake Price and Thomas Harris picking up three wickets each for the visitors.

Penkridge's opening bowler Aqab Ahmed took 4-43 as The Bank were all out for 188.

C & R Hawks completed a five-wicket win at Streetly after Kabir Ali (5-27) and Johar Ahmed (4-49) combined to dismiss the home side for 152.

At 80-5, Hawks were teetering but Saqib Akbar (47 not out) and Itikhar Khan (23 not out) saw them home after Sagar Mangalorkar's 4-63.

Milford Hall lost to Stratford-upon-Avon in division three. After losing the toss and batting first, Milford Hall limped to 128 all out in 45.1 overs. Dexter Purser took 3-16 and was not out on 76, with 10 fours and a six, to see Stratford home and go top of the table.

At Collins Hill, Lichfield clawed their way to a one-wicket victory against Redditch (211-7), thanks to an unbroken last-wicket partnership of 28 between Tom Swift (26 not out) and Graham Wilson (11 not out). The winning run came from the last ball of the innings.

In the Staffs Clubs championship, Andrew Lefeaver's 54 in 85 balls was in vain as Rugeley were bowled out for 170. Openers James Fildes (63 off 35 balls) and Ashley Hartshorn (69 n/o off 35) saw hosts Beacon home by nine wickets.

Cannock easily saw off Bloxwich, thanks in the main to overseas player Faizan Khan. After the visitors had opted to bat, Khan hit 17 fours and three sixes in a 104-ball 132 as his side reached 272-7. Bloxwich were skittled for 148 in reply, 124 runs short.

Hammerhead made light work of Springvale, reducing their opponents to 65-9 and then winning by seven wickets in 11.3 overs. Armitage's 154 was not enough to beat Wombourne 3rds who won by four wickets. Burntwood St Matthews (244-7) drew with Elford (164-7).

Hit for six by cricket taster



Disability officer Steve Lightfoot praised the success of the day at Rugeley Cricket Club

ORGANISERS hope a successful taster day of disability cricket will spark a new league in Staffordshire as well as a feeder team for the county's current side.

Forty people tried out two different forms of disability cricket at Rugeley Cricket Club.

As well as three Kwik Cricket games on the outfield, players with more pronounced mobility issues played table cricket inside.

Steve Lightfoot, disability officer at Staffordshire Cricket, said: “It was a taster day to try and get as many people with disabilities together. We had 40-odd people playing cricket for most of the afternoon on a really sunny day.”

The taster day was designed to gauge interest in a new



Youngsters put bat on ball during the taster session

Kwik Cricket league for disability teams in the county.

Lightfoot is confident he will be able to set up a small four-club league this summer and hopes that next season, some new faces will provide back-up for an existing team.

This summer, Lightfoot



plans to set up a disability cricket league in Staffordshire. “We'll probably just do the Kwik Cricket style and I'm hoping we'll be able to get four teams who can play each other once through the school summer holidays, leading into a finals day at Rugeley.”

Fundraising goal set up by handballer

A HANDBALLER has launched a fund-raising plea after being called up to represent Great Britain in the European championships.

Despite living in Huntington, Jarred Cartledge plays for north east Manchester Hawks.

The 18-year-old goalkeeper has been called up for both the u-18s and u-20s squads for the tournaments in Austria in July and Macedonia the following month. Jarred, a pupil at Cardinal Griffin, who formerly played for Cannock Olympia, said: “Handball in the UK is all self-funded. Previously, my family have helped with my funding to help me compete. Now I'm getting older, the expenses are increasing.”

“Last year, my school provided me with funding and contributed £1,700. This year they have not got any funding, so therefore, I have to find a large amount of money myself I live in a single-parent household and my mother does not earn enough to help fund my sporting expenses.”

Jarred has set up a Crowdfunding page to cover his expenses while he is competing and has a target of £1,000.

The link to the page is: https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/jarred-jameshandball18?utm_id=92&utm_term=jz3QPPp35

Scholars to take on Baggies in friendly

A WEST Bromwich Albion XI is the standout match in Chasetown's pre-season programme. The Scholars will entertain Baggies on July 31 at 7.30pm.

Scott Dundas's side will make the short trip to local rivals Lichfield City and Heath Hayes, while visiting the Scholars Ground will be Stourbridge and Stafford Rangers. The games are:

July 7, Lichfield (a), 3pm; July 14, Abbey Hulton (a), 3pm; July 17, Heath Hayes (a), 7.30pm; July 21, Rosteeer (a), 3pm; July 24, Stourbridge (h), 7.30pm; July 31, WBA XI (h), 7.30pm; August 4, Stafford Rangers (h), 3pm; August 11, Llantwit Major (h), 3pm

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